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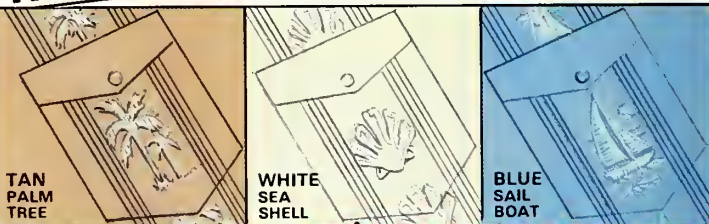
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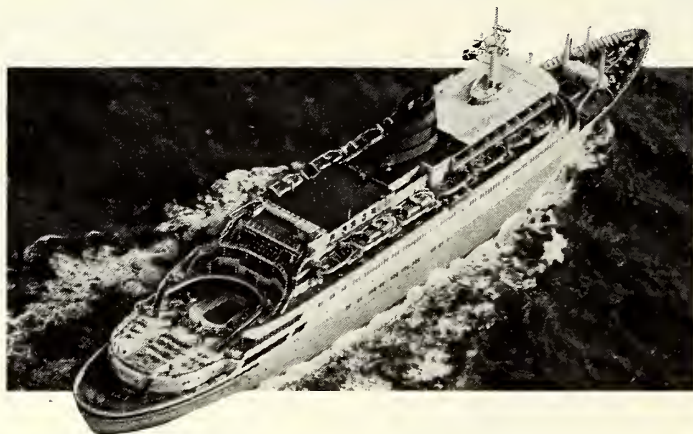
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Farm Policy Mess

After 35 years of hard work on the farm, I find myself not much further ahead than when I started. When the small family farms are gone, the city folks will pay dearly for their food. A person only has to pick up a rural newspaper and see the farm auction bills to see what is happening. It's a sad state of affairs when our agricultural system cannot compete with that of other countries' and pay our farmers a decent price for their products. I hope someone is listening before it's too late for all of us.

Donald J. Diepoldr
Willow City, N.D.

I have just read "Can We Straighten Out Our Farm Policy Mess" (April), and as a somewhat typical family farmer in Nebraska, I am very disturbed. This article contains the same garbage that the Agriculture Secre-

tary and his people have been trying to feed us farmers during recent months. His theory about a market-oriented farm policy is nonsense. It would result in food shortages, higher food prices and reliance on foreign countries for food supplies.

James W. Forsberg
Coleridge, Neb.

Gambling Fever

I read the excellent article "Gambling Fever: Wheel of Misfortune" (April) with great interest. With the many opportunities to gamble in our country, compulsive gamblers have grown to alarming numbers. I agree wholeheartedly that the states that have casinos, lotteries, etc., have a moral responsibility to help the victims of their gambling promotions.

Lawrence Pellegrino
Hamilton Square, N.J.

The gambling article omits mention of a most important point in the discussion of legalized gambling. Of \$7.3 billion wagered in 17 state lotteries last year, more than \$3 billion provided funds from state coffers for education, human services, transportation, parks and recreation, and other programs formerly funded with tax revenues. Add income taxes on large reported wins, wage taxes from workers employed in the industry and jobs created, and an entirely new ballgame emerges.

George J. Spoerl Jr.
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Free Labor

In "Free Labor vs. Communism" (April) you ask "What more can be done to strengthen free labor and halt communism's drive to capture workers of the world?" Judging from the boxed article, "About You, Our Readers" on the Letters page, and with a readership of some seven million, The American Legion can be proud of bringing this valuable information to the attention of America. Only when the people are factually, fully informed with this type of information can they know why they must defend their precious freedoms!

Napoleon G. Nyerges
Santa Monica, Calif.

Longer Days?

Your April issue, in Dateline Washington, stated that among those against Daylight Saving Time are farmers, "who feel their working day—and that of their livestock—is already long enough." Perhaps you should think about this one a bit more? I doubt that (anyone) can slow the Earth's rotation at will!

Lowell D. Johnson
St. Paul, Minn.

Correction

We appreciate the outstanding publicity given South Carolina Posts 57, 109 and 201 in your April issue. However, we are in Cherokee County, not Greenville. I am confident that our more than 4,490 veterans of Cherokee County will attest to that.

Boyd L. McLean
Gaffney, S.C.

The Spirit of the Legion



"They may turn every tree into a gallows, every hole into a grave, and yet the words of that parchment can never die. To the mechanic in the workshop, they will speak hope; to the slave in the mines,

freedom. Sign that parchment. Sign if the next moment the noose is around your neck, for that parchment will be the textbook of freedom, the Bible of the rights of man forever."

With those words, a signer of the Declaration of Independence urged his fellow patriots to risk their very lives to give birth to the Republic, and this month we celebrate its 209th birthday. Our nation's "noble experiment" in individual freedom has endured and, indeed, fulfilled the vision of our forebears.

In this month also, we commemorate the founding of our own AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, the first issue of which was published July 4, 1919. It seems appropriate on this anniversary to recall the reasons for its founding, as described in its first issue:

"THE AMERICAN LEGION WEEKLY is born on this 143rd anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Appropriately so. The principles and ideals of that epochal document in

human liberty are those of The American Legion, which the AMERICAN LEGION WEEKLY represents.

"The Legion itself is a spontaneous expression of purpose by those millions of Americans who helped crush autocracy. Out of their common experiences through the dark months of the war has grown a comradeship and a patriotism which is vitalized by their organization into this single concrete force which will stand always as a barrier against the forces of greed, ignorance and chaos.

"The American Legion is the epitome of that Americanism for which it stands. Its voice is the majority voice of its members; its will the will of the many. Spontaneous in inception, it has been democratic in its development. There are no titles recorded on its rolls. It is free of rank, of cast—and of partisanship. If it seeks in a full measure to serve those who were in service, it seeks in fuller measure to serve America.

"In this spirit The American Legion has entered upon its mission. In this spirit the AMERICAN LEGION WEEKLY sets upon its way."

AS THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE now begins its 67th year of publication, we salute our Founders whose vision created it, and we thank our fellow Legionnaires who have extended their support, their suggestions and their encouragement for so many years.

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That philosophy was predominant when the founders of The American Legion publicly vowed its support of the rights, privileges and benefits of veterans and to ensure that the veterans knew what those rights were. Recognizing the need for specialists in procuring the benefits for veterans and their dependents, the founders also prescribed that each state organization of the Legion provide an officer "who shall immediately organize his state through the local posts, in order to bring prompt adjustments and settlements."

"Posts and all members of The American Legion charge themselves with the duty of searching for such persons in their community and extending to them such care and assistance as may be within their power," reads the transcripts of that 1919 meeting.

There can be no statement of purpose more clearly put.

Through the succeeding 66 years The American Legion has rendered tireless service to America's veterans. In the years since that statement was written, we have developed a corps of genuinely expert volunteers in veterans affairs, that gets right to the heart of a veteran's problem.

The American Legion's rehabilitation service is designed to provide a comprehensive network of service officers at the post, county, department and national levels to assist veterans and their dependents in applying for federal and state benefits to which they are entitled, based on the veteran's service.

Entitlements include:

- Medical and hospital care.
- Disability and death pensions.
- Educational Assistance.



Nat'l. Cdr. Clarence M. Bacon

- Vocational Rehabilitation.
- GI Loan Guaranty.
- Veterans preference in employment.
- Disabled veterans employment.
- Life insurance assistance.
- Agent Orange examinations.
- Educational assistance to dependents.
- Drug and alcohol rehabilitation.
- Claim filing and adjudication.
- Benefits not subject to tax or seizure.
- Dependency and Indemnity Compensation.

The task of carrying out this important program is vast—touching the lives and affecting the welfare of millions of men, women and children. In no other endeavor within The American Legion is there a greater need for teamwork.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation activities truly are the keystone program of our organization, and the cornerstone of the program is the post service officer. He is the first point of contact with The American Legion by veterans and their families who seek Legion assistance with their problems.

It is at the post level that the needs of our veterans are initially recognized and met.

Time and time again, I've seen post service officers as the most visible and most depended-upon Legionnaires in their communities—especially in communities that are removed from centers of government. An American Legion service officer is one of the most valuable assets a community can have because, in today's complex and fast-moving society, the information needs of the men and women who have served in our Armed Forces are more varied than ever before.

Their needs have sharply increased the demand for precise information and assistance from service officers of The American Legion, so the post service officers, working in harmony with the department service officer and the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission staff, continue to provide a most vital service.

It's a service which can't be duplicated by any other organization. Our mission in coming years is to see to it that we continue to have able and willing volunteer service officers at every level of The American Legion who will not stop until every veteran's claim has been satisfied completely.

The real challenge for us today is to fulfill our founders' desire to have enough dedicated and capable Legionnaires who work on a regular basis with state and federal veterans offices.

Service officers and the assistance they provide reflect the very fundamentals of The American Legion. In order to continue this legacy we must enlist every eligible veteran in The American Legion's cause. The service officer's charter is to aid other veterans. Without a strong and active membership, that cause could fade into oblivion. Ask an eligible vet to join The American Legion and to join us in our role as America's foremost veterans advocate. □

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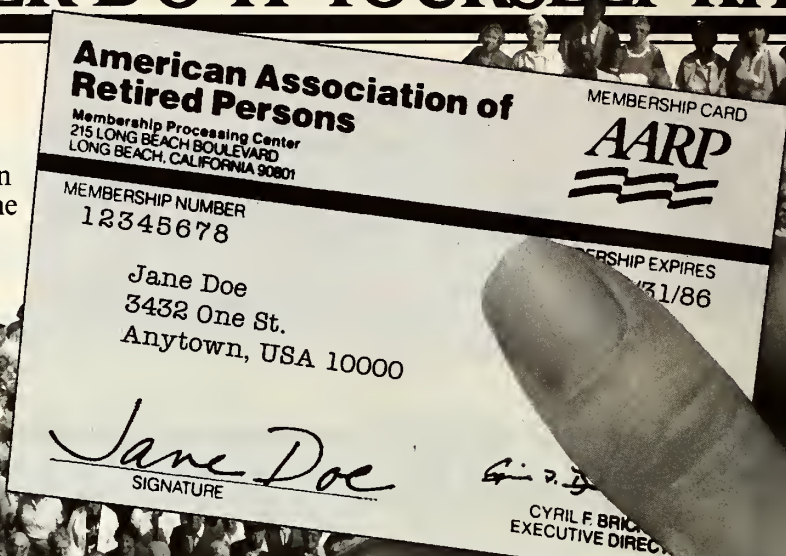
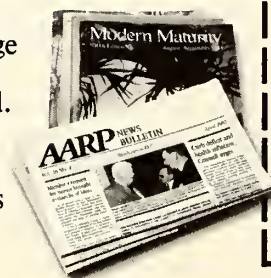
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Information-Age Policy

In the past few years our nation and the world have been shaken, if not overwhelmed, by the information revolution, some of which is creating new hazards to the commonweal.

A group of senators, concerned with government's piecemeal approach to the mushrooming diversity of the new problems, wants to set up an Information-Age Commission to produce answers.

Led by Senators Sam Nunn and Frank Lautenberg, the bloc would in effect create a national forum for discussion and study of the present and future impact of computer and communications systems on our citizens.

The legislators note that the technological changes appear to be rapidly outpacing the capability of our economic and legal system to adequately respond to new situations. The Lawmakers believe the present piecemeal reaction to emerging problems—such as computer crime—can lead to potential chaos.

Critical Materials Shortage

There's ample argument in Washington about the relative strength of the United States and the Soviet Union in missile power and thrust, but there's no doubt that the Soviet Union has a superior position in strategic materials.

The United States has a critical shortage of four essential metals: chromium, cobalt, manganese and platinum. The USSR has them in abundance.

With minor exceptions, there is no domestic mining of the four metals, according to the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA). Over half of the world's supply of these vital ores are exported from South Africa, Zaire and the Soviet Union.

The metals are needed to produce high-temperature alloys, steel and stainless steel, industrial and automotive catalysts and electronics critical to national defense and the economy. Our government maintains a strategic materials stockpile, according to OTA, but the national economy is vulnerable to disruption of supplies from abroad.

Crime Career Starts Early

Most juvenile crimes are committed by a small number of chronic delinquents who are likely to pursue a criminal career as adults, according to studies issued by the Department of Justice.

The studies, conducted in Philadelphia and Columbus, Ohio, disclosed that more than half of the juvenile crimes were committed by less than a quarter of the young malefactors.

The hardened teen toughs, for the most part, continued to break the law, often with violent actions—homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault—well into their 20s. Most were arrested as juvenile delinquents, and then were picked up again as adults before reaching the age of 20.

One study showed that miscreants arrested as adults tended to be males, had more arrests as juveniles, began their crime career earlier, and were involved in more serious and violent cases as youngsters.

Quit Shoving, Say Seniors

A battle to ban mandatory retirement at a fixed age is building up in Washington, where compulsory retirement of federal workers is already forbidden.

As the law now stands, private companies may enforce retirement of workers at 70 and policy-making executives at 65. Opponents argue that this statute is a violation of the civil rights of those who are still able and willing to work.

The advocates of working at any and all ages, so long as the body and mind can ably perform the duties, have a number of powerful champions in the nation's Capital, including Rep. Claude Pepper, chairman of the House Rules Committee, 84; Sen. Alan Cranston, Senate Minority Whip, 70; and President Ronald Reagan, 74.

Senior citizens are pushing for the right to keep working after 70, and are attacking the age limitations on all fronts. Nearly 20,000 age discrimination cases have gone before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Recent court cases have favored the age abolition movement.

Polygraphs To Aid Security

With the support of Congress, the Department of Defense will undertake a trial program of polygraph testing to screen employees who will have access to highly classified projects. The lie-detector exams will be limited to 3,500 persons annually, and aimed at preventing security leaks, not news leaks, according to Pentagon officials.

The project follows a long study by the DoD and hearings by congressional committees seeking to tighten up security for the nation's most sensitive operations. The Pentagon already uses the polygraph in hiring for the National Security Agency.

The Pentagon emphasized that the polygraph tests will supplement, not replace, other investigative measures. The program provides that DoD employees refusing to take the tests will not be fired, but assigned to equivalent, less sensitive posts.

Quote of the Month

"In a world where democracy is a rare and recent achievement, it is easy to discredit American allies who haven't gotten there yet. This is a favorite political ploy of those who want to use defense money for vote buying instead. They also talk about being 'fair' when we cut back giveaway programs, by also cutting back the defense budget. How can you be 'fair' to our own survival?"

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Should the United States Sell Defensive Military Equipment to China?

Rep. Elwood Hillis, R-Ind.

For those of you familiar with my strong anti-communist voting record, my support of limited defensive arms sales to the People's Republic of China may surprise you. But, while I neither condone the form of government China has adopted, nor the means by which it was adopted, I base my view on one fundamental premise: Limited defensive arms sales to China are in the best interests of the United States.

We all recognize that the greatest threat to freedom on our planet comes from behind the walls of the Kremlin. But how much greater this threat would be if the wedge which currently exists between the Soviet Union and the PRC disappeared!

American policy toward the PRC has, since 1972, recognized the importance of nurturing a relationship with the Beijing government. In those 13 years, we have come a long way from the Ping Pong diplomacy that began to open China's eyes to Western thought and ideas. Today, the PRC has begun to experiment, successfully, with capitalism while emerging from its self-imposed isolationism.

U.S. policy should focus on encouraging these trends by treating the Chinese as a basically non-aligned but friendly nation. Peace in Asia depends on China. And peace in Asia is in the best interests of the United States.

While the Soviet Union is busy promoting instability and bloodshed through its agent, Vietnam, the PRC has promoted stability by restraining the North Koreans from again attacking the South.

I hold no illusions that the PRC will become a full-fledged American ally. But, the PRC, with an armed force of more than four million, if properly equipped, will effectively pursue the same goals of the United States in Asia. Remember — it is even more in their interests than ours to check the spread of Soviet influence in Southeast Asia.

I do not favor selling sophisticated weaponry or technology to the PRC and certainly would not sell them weaponry that is superior to that sold to the Taiwan government. But I would support sales of the M-60 or M-48 tank to counter the Soviet T-55s and T-62s, which are deployed along the Sino-Soviet border. And, while I would not favor selling China the sophisticated F-16 fighter, I would have no objection to the sale of the F-20.

The PRC is a formidable buffer to Soviet adventurism on the Asian continent. Let's keep them that way. ☐



YES

Rep. Gerald B. Solomon, R-N.Y.



NO I believe it would be very ill-advised for the United States to sell the People's Republic of China any kind of military weapons or hardware, even so-called defensive weapons. My reasons are based on moral, political and practical considerations.

First, it would be very dangerous for the United States, as the leader of the Free World, to sell weapons to a communist country, particularly one that has pretensions about being a regional superpower. Though there have been some encouraging developments in the PRC in recent years, mainly to reform its economy, make no mistake: The PRC remains a totalitarian communist dictatorship. In the final analysis, American interests are inseparable from American morality.

We must not underestimate the potential mischief of the PRC. Moreover, we should carefully avoid any action that could be construed as undercutting the importance of our alliances with South Korea, Japan and the ASEAN countries regarding their defense against communist expansion.

Second, we must never assume the Sino-Soviet split is permanent. The history of the PRC is a tale of political instability. Even now the PRC is facing an imminent change in leadership as the generation of Deng Xiaoping and other key officials passes from the scene. It would be very premature for us to rush in now with arms sales.

Third, it is not feasible for our country to assist the PRC in modernizing its so-called "People's Liberation Army." Despite its immense size, the PLA is saddled with 1950s-vintage weaponry and equipment. Estimates show that it would take \$50 to \$60 billion in American support for the PRC to develop a truly effective military deterrent against the Soviets. As a matter of practical politics, a commitment of this magnitude to the PRC is out of the question. Our country cannot re-order the PRC's own priorities, the legacy of 35 years of failed policies in that country.

In conclusion, we must recognize that no country can be trusted to do anything other than what it believes to be its own interest.

Appropriate areas of cooperation exist between our country and the PRC, but military sales is not one of them. Our country, the defender of the Free World, should not be undertaking to improve the military capability of a communist dictatorship, a system which draws its whole sustenance from the abuse of power. ☐



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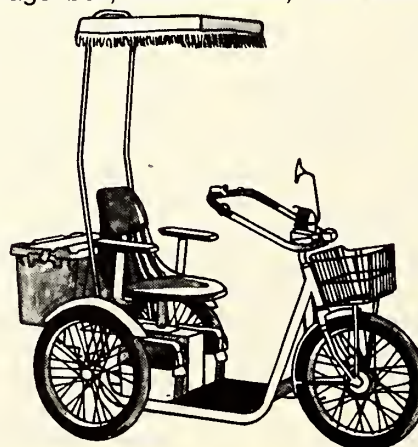
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Be Proud of America: A Neighbor's Perspective

By Eric A. Bernston

MANY of you may not have heard of Gordon Sinclair, but he was, perhaps, prouder of America than some Americans are.

Sinclair was a Canadian journalist who died in 1983.

Back in the early 70s when anti-American forces around the globe were at the height of their attacks on the United States, Sinclair became annoyed and decided to share his feelings about America with everyone. The result was that he cut a record and, with the Battle Hymn of the Republic as background music, he proceeded to tell the world what was good about America.

In recent years, there has been an element of well-meaning, but very naive people who have been advocating the notion that peace can be achieved in a simple way. These people would have America and her friends disarm. Yet these same people never say anything, absolutely nothing, about the Soviet Union.

At the 1983 National Convention of The American Legion, President Reagan reminded the veterans that these so-called peace advocates were just as naive as Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister of England in 1939, who took Hitler's word that there would be no war, and we all know what happened. Nobody has any argument with the ideal of peace. But I certainly question the false notions of those who would advocate peace by tearing down America.



Eric A. Bernston is the deputy premier of the Canadian province of Saskatchewan. In June, The North Dakota Department presented The American Legion Canadian Friendship Award to him.

I can't help but think that in 1985 we must again tell everyone what is good about America. For more than two centuries America has been a great defender of the ideals of freedom and democracy. Since 1776 America has been a humanitarian nation that has never hesitated to come to the help of the poor, the hungry and downtrodden in every corner of the globe.

Back in the Korean War, the story was told of a young American prisoner-of-war being interrogated by

"For more than two centuries America has been a great defender of the ideals of freedom and democracy."

the communists. They knocked him in the stomach with a rifle butt. They said to him, "What do you think of Gen. Douglas MacArthur?"

The young lad from the American Midwest said, "MacArthur is a great American soldier."

The lad was knocked to the ground again. Then he stood up to face his captors again, and again he was asked, "What do you think of Gen. MacArthur?" And again the American soldier held firm, except this time his captors did not hit him with a rifle butt, or punish him. The communists had tested this young man's will, his courage to stand up to them—the young American soldier had passed the test.

Let the story of the young American soldier in Korea be a lesson. America must stand up to the test. A strong national defense is the best assurance that America will pass the test and keep world peace.

A strong national defense is not to glorify killing and war. A strong national defense is not to worship guns and bombs. That is wrong. A strong

national defense is a message to the world that America is interested in her freedom, and freedom for her friends around the world.

The basis for your nation's defense capability is an abiding faith in freedom. History teaches that there is no such thing as "instant" defense.

As a Canadian citizen who has served in the armed forces of Canada, I pay tribute to your comrades of past battles. Through the pages of American history we can recall the valiant efforts of brave American citizens from the time of Valley Forge to the brave American Marines who died in Beirut. Between the crosses row on row from Valley Forge to Gettysburg, to France, Pearl Harbor and, indeed, all over the globe are the silent reminders of the sacrifices American citizens have made to defend peace.

I believe your armed forces and your national defense are a continuing reminder of the sacrifices of the past. It was through these sacrifices that you live, work and reap the many, many benefits of your nation.

During another time of crisis—the Civil War—many Americans were fearful of the outcome. Many were worried that the union would not survive. One day a delegation went to the White House to express its fears to President Lincoln. Lincoln told the group this story from his youth:

"One night in November a shower of meteors fell from the clear night sky. A friend standing by me was very frightened. But I looked up and between the falling stars I saw the fixed stars beyond. The fixed stars were shining bright."

Lincoln then said to his friend: "Let us not mind the meteors, let us keep our eyes on the stars."

As your nation faces a difficult and sometimes dangerous future in working to keep world peace, you should always look beyond the falling meteors and look to the steady stars that have guided America through so many difficult times. These stars signal the message that you should be proud of your America. She deserves no less. □

The Portentous Rise of Mainland

CHINA

No longer embroiled in a self-destructive "revolution," the People's Republic of China looms as a potentially powerful economic and military partner for the West. But, is the price of alignment worth the benefits?

By Jay Stuller

IT is an over-populated nation with a per capita annual income that is meager even by Third World standards. Throughout most of its history it has been poised just a crop failure or flood away from widespread famine. The country's army is one of the worst coordinated and worst supplied fighting forces in the world; in a maritime conflict its navy, while large, would give opponents elementary torpedo practice.

Businessmen, however, flock here to secure contracts, heedless of the prevailing poverty. Global leaders, including Presidents of the United States, assiduously court the nation's chieftains. Many countries—in particular the Soviet Union—overtly fear the untapped power in its mass of humanity. And so, despite all its problems, the People's Republic of China seemingly has the world eating,

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geopolitically speaking, out of its hand.

In 1000 B.C., the land was called Middle Kingdom because it was philosophically thought to sit halfway between heaven and earth. Today, this immense, fascinating and underdeveloped giant is balancing itself between a number of political, military and economic positions.

Which direction the PRC will take is of great importance to the United States, especially in light of America's new focus on the "Pacific Rim." Stretching from South Korea to New Zealand are a number of growing economic powers, nations that have begun to steal Europe's commercial thunder. This has led to what Lawrence Eagleburger, former under secretary of state, said is a "shift in the center of gravity of U.S. foreign policy from the transatlantic relationship toward the Pacific basin . . ." Over the long run, no country along the "rim" packs more consequence than China.

No other country is more unpredictable, either. Turmoil has frequently rocked this land, from the long civil war between the nationalists and communists to the war with Japan and finally the self-destructive madness of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revo-

lution. As Pulitzer prize-winning author Theodore White noted, "No outsider can ever know what goes on in China."

What is clear—even from the American vantage point—is that the China seen by President Ronald Reagan last spring is vastly different from the land former President Richard Nixon visited in 1972. Moreover, the PRC appears set for still more changes, adopting programs and taking positions that continue to surprise and sometimes puzzle all "outsiders." For example:

- Five years ago the People's Republic considered the United States a strategic partner in containing the Soviet Union's international influence. But in a review of Chinese diplomacy that appeared last summer in *Outlook*—an official weekly journal that reflects the views of PRC leadership—it was specifically drawn out that China would from hereon side with neither superpower. "China," the review said, "does not intend to be a 'card' in the hands of the Americans," or be pulled into "big triangle" diplomacy.

- The PRC has begun to embrace certain vestiges of capitalism, in a sense admitting to the failures of economic Marxist socialism. The establishment of "special economic zones" and worker incentives is a distinct departure from communist doctrine. If it truly accepts free enterprise, the nation has a tremendous economic potential. As Nixon said, "China—with one billion of the world's most gifted people and enormous natural resources—can become an economic giant in the next century."

- China, which once epitomized ideological zealotry, has now demonstrated its pragmatism—and a not-so-secret appreciation of free enterprise—in handling the status of Hong Kong. Great Britain's lease on the colony expires in 1997, and there were distinct fears that this prosperous enclave of capitalism would collapse at the mere approach of communist rule. Beijing, however, announced last summer that Hong Kong would, after the lease period ends, remain a self-governing



EASTOPIA

PEOPLE'S ARMY — China's four-million-man army, the world's largest, will require up to \$63 billion to modernize.

and largely independent region for at least 50 years.

• The PRC is finally and resolutely dealing with perhaps its greatest problem—over-population. With roughly a quarter of the world's people, China's land cannot continue to support such a growing burden. Now, according to Chinese delegates at the recent United Nations conference on population, the PRC will allow families only one child—and officially encourages abortions to prevent all others—a rule expected to be used for at least 20 to 30 years.

How well or how long such policies will hold is, of course, anyone's guess. China has shown a habit of launching programs, nurturing their momentum and then quickly reeling them back in. New trends in China can swiftly become minor history; outsiders should grow neither too elated nor overly fearful over any particular Chinese tack unless proven over time. Ramon Myers, Ph.D., a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution of War, Revolution and Peace, said there is a tendency among China analysts in the West to

“Capitalism, by its nature, goes against the ingrained interests and ethics of many Chinese citizens.”

overestimate and underestimate the PRC in almost the same breath.

For example, when China first opened itself to Western businesses about five years ago, it created tremendous excitement among those who viewed—incorrectly, as we shall see—the People's Republic as the largest consumer market in the world. One billion people equals a demand for two billion shoes, right? But for every

contract the PRC signed with an American, Japanese or European corporation, dozens of painstaking, expensive negotiations went for naught.

Still, according to many press reports, free enterprise has recently enjoyed great popularity in those areas of China where it is allowed. Industrious individuals have profited from exceptional work efforts and have improved their economic lots.

“But don't be surprised,” said Myers, “if that isn't soon slowed down or even stopped.”

Capitalism, by its nature, goes against the ingrained interests and ethic of many Chinese citizens. It benefits some at the expense of others, anathema in a socialist system. It can create jealousies that may erupt into open strife, beyond the control of leaders. And today's leaders of the PRC, said Myers, are exceptionally careful about maintaining control.

This prudence is the legacy of the Cultural Revolution, which between 1966 and 1976 split China with violent factionalism. Unleashed by Mao Tse-tung, the egalitarian push to rid China

of "stinking intellectuals," "capitalist roaders" and other "enemies" of the people led to massive persecution and the execution of at least 35,000 innocents. (This is China's official, albeit obviously low estimate.) It nearly destroyed the PRC's educational system and threw wrenches into whatever industrial capabilities existed. The Cultural Revolution directly cost China a decade of progress, and for a recovery, probably 10 more years.

"No more ironic title has ever been given to a dogma that tried to erase all culture," White noted.

The man primarily responsible for the PRC's current recovery—and the move away from Mao-thought—is 80-year-old Deng Xiaoping, a veteran of the war against the Japanese and the Long March, practically a credential for Chinese leadership. During the Cultural Revolution, Deng was accused of a number of crimes, paraded through the streets of Beijing wearing a dunce cap, and banished to stoop labor and serving meals at a Communist Party training camp. His political comeback may be one of the most remarkable ever, and while he doesn't hold China's highest titles, Deng is the nation's *de facto* leader.

He is, however, an old man, and by his own admission won't be around much longer. Deng himself recently stated that the country was "currently beset with many serious problems." Following is a look at several key areas and focal points for the People's Republic.

INTERNAL POLITICS

How much China influences the rest of the world depends on what happens behind closed doors in the old Zhongnanhai imperial grounds or in the Great Hall of the People. Its leadership dictates whether China is open or closed, warm or cold, and to whom.

Premier Zhao Ziyang—at 65 one of the youngest of Chinese leaders—and Hu Yaobang, the 69-year-old Communist Party General Secretary, are, as former President Nixon has written, "capable leaders who will continue Deng's policy . . ." that breaks with Maoist orthodoxy. Leftists—potential problems for an orderly passage of power—still exist but they are now



HONG KONG—This free-enterprise bastion interests China.

being weeded out of the party.

Indeed, in the past year Deng has launched a "rectification" campaign, a three-year effort to review the ideological credentials of the Chinese Communist Party's 40 million members. There are perhaps a million unregenerate Maoists remaining, hunkered into positions of bureaucratic responsibility, or locked in the ranks of the People's Liberation Army. Deng and the other moderates want them

"China now wants to increase its present per capita annual income to \$800 from \$300 by 2000."

out, but have avoided the large rallies, public purges and feverish hoopla that, as one Beijing party administrator said, can "develop into a movement that will create chaos and instill fear."

Curiously enough, China's turn away from the Cultural Revolution and hard-core Maoism didn't necessarily start with prescient leaders.

Myers said: "By 1978 the PRC's planned economy was deeply rotted and the entire situation there was desperate. So for the next two years a series of conferences were held at the provincial level to decide what should

be done to remedy the problems. The new policies seemed to flow from these meetings."

There still are divisions within China. "You've got a whole series of splits and factions within the military, the party and the state machinery," said Myers, "and the battle lines can change from issue to issue." Essentially, though, there are three main groups contending for influence: The extreme Maoists who want to see the class struggle continue; the hard-line Stalinists, central

planners who want tightly held power, but who are not as ideological as Maoists; and the Leninists around Deng, who see the need to tap modern western technology and venture capital if the country is to ever progress.

ECONOMICS

The People's Republic has started riding its bicycle straight down the capitalist road. And while the country is still too poor to travel it in automobiles, there's more free enterprise in bloom than Mao would have thought fitting.

Although China may never totally embrace capitalism, the path toward it was first taken in 1979 when Deng established an experimental contract system with farmers. The nation's 800 million peasants were largely freed from the constraints of communes—and the party and ideology-oriented team leaders running them—and allowed to sell a fixed amount of produce at a set price each year. Once that amount was reached, the farmers could then sell the surplus to the state or open market at whatever price the market would bear.

In only three years, agricultural production in Sichuan province increased 25 percent. The average peasant income more than doubled. China now wants to increase its present per capita annual income to \$800 from \$300 by the year 2000.

This dollar figure indicates relative poverty and on the surface makes predictions of future Chinese economic strength seem unlikely. But, Jonathan Pollack, a Rand Corporation China scholar, suggested that the PRC must be viewed in *aggregate* terms. If the PRC's gross national product is considered, he noted, China "already has

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THE FUTURE OF U.S.—CHINA RELATIONS

By Richard M. Nixon

CHINA and the United States—the most populous and the most prosperous nations in the world—must actively cooperate if there is to be any chance of achieving real peace in the world. The emergence of China as a rapidly developing Third World country gives us a great opportunity to enhance that cooperation and to influence the direction the Chinese take in the decades ahead.

Some critics say it is dangerous to help China because its government is communist and therefore a potential adversary. But they fail to recognize the basic changes in the world that in 1972 led to the rapprochement between our countries, and in 1985 make it in our interest to continue improving that new relationship.

Our relationship with China is a key element of our strategy vis-a-vis the Soviet Union. Those who opposed our initiative 13 years ago ignored a profound distinction. The Soviet Union threatens us. China does not. If we had not undertaken that initiative and China had been forced back into the Soviet orbit, the threat to the West of Soviet communist aggression would be vastly greater than it is today.

What brought the United States and China together were not common ideals but common interests. Both sides recognized the need to block the expansionism of the Soviet Union. The Chinese understood that the United States was the only country with the power to blunt the Soviet thrust for hegemony in Asia. We understood that, while China was a communist power, it did not threaten our interests and could serve as a powerful counterweight against the Soviets.

The Soviet threat is far greater today than it was in 1972. In the past decade, the Soviets have gained superiority over the United States in land-based missiles; have dramatically increased their forces on the Chinese



PROMOTING FRIENDSHIP — President Nixon, who pushed for stronger U.S. ties with the People's Republic of China during his administration, pauses outside the Shanghai Exhibition Hall with his wife Pat, Premier Chou En-lai and Secretary of State William P. Rogers during a 1972 tour of the Shanghai Industrial Exhibition.

border, expanded their Pacific and Indian Ocean fleets, targeted over a hundred medium-range and strategic nuclear missiles on China, conquered Indochina through their Vietnamese proxies, and invaded Afghanistan. China today faces Soviet encirclement.

The United States and China must therefore increase their joint defense efforts. But we must avoid making two mistakes. First, our military cooperation should be accomplished without public posturing, which irritates, but does not deter or frighten, the Soviets. We must also avoid giving them any conceivable pretext to make a pre-emptive strike against Chinese forces. Second, we should not fear but welcome China's attempts to reduce tensions with the Soviet Union. Those who cynically observe that it would serve our interests for the two communist giants to fight each other ignore the fact that such a war in the nuclear age would inevitably lead to a world war.

These military issues are critically

important. But if we allow fear of Soviet aggression to be our only incentive to stay together, we in effect leave our fate in the hands of others. If instead we base our relationship with the Chinese on economic cooperation, our fate remains in our hands. It is precisely in that direction that our relationship must develop.

Our economic ties are natural ones. China's two areas of greatest need are the two in which the United States is best able to provide assistance: agriculture and technology. Our progress in building these ties in the first decade of our new relationship has been substantial, but the increase in U.S.-China trade in the next 10 years could be dramatically higher.

Closer economic relations between China and the United States have significant strategic implications. A weak China invites aggression. China cannot become stronger militarily unless it becomes stronger economically. A strong China will be a problem for the Soviet Union long before it is a problem for us—and the cooperation we develop will make it less likely to be a problem even in the long term. In the foreseeable future we have more to fear from a China that is too weak, and therefore subject to Soviet intimidation, than one that is too strong.

The principal obstacle to closer Sino-American ties is the issue of Taiwan. But as long as both sides adhere in letter and spirit to the basic principles of the Shanghai Communiqué of 1972 and the Shanghai II Communiqué of 1982, this issue should not lead to a deterioration in relations. Both sides must realize that the only beneficiary of quarrels on this point is the Soviet Union.

China—with one billion of the world's most gifted people—can become an economic giant in the next century. It will do so, however, in spite of communism, not because of it. And as China enjoys more benefits from its cooperation with the West, it will become ever more reluctant to turn back to the road to the East. □

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OUR COPS ARE BACK ON THE BEAT

Many U.S. cities have put their police officers back on foot patrol to help combat crime on the streets. It's an old procedure that is working anew.

By Ben Daviss

'WE HAVE a real bad apple in our neighborhood," grumbled Shaughn Gray of Fort Wayne, Ind. "I saw him a few days ago and he told me where he was keeping his girlfriend who'd just run away from a juvenile home. He didn't stop to realize I'd turn the information in. People say things to me and in front of me that they'd never say to a cop—because to them, I'm not a cop. I'm just Shaughn."

But Shaughn isn't just Shaughn. He's a five-year veteran, uniformed police patrol officer. And "our neighborhood" isn't where he lives. It's a half-mile square business and residential area he's patrolled exclusively for the past four years. Gray is one of hundreds of uniformed officers across the country who are back walking a beat—and finding new satisfaction and effectiveness in their jobs.

Since the late 1970s, new ideas and experiments in this oldest of police procedures have sprung up in cities from Santa Ana, Calif., to Boston. The California town fielded a half-dozen walking officers in its "Skid Row"

district in 1980 and saw crime there fall by half in three years. Under a new patrol plan begun in March 1983, Boston police tripled their foot-patrolled neighborhoods to almost 600. The citywide crime rate fell 10 percent in six months. The more than 100 police departments nationally that have established some kind of foot patrol plan show crime curves reduced between 8 percent and 50 percent.

Although each plan is tailored for its city, all have been molded by similar pressures: shrinking police budgets, growing crime rates and demand for police services, and the ever-increasing estrangement between police officers and the citizens they protect and defend. A well-conceived foot-patrol program can solve most of those problems at once.

Suppose, for example, a boy throws a rock through his neighbor's window. The area's "personal" police officer—quite probably known to both families—can bring the two parties together informally and mediate a resolution of the problem. By working informally, the officer doesn't need to file a report or complaint for the department to process and store. The department also doesn't have to send a costly patrol cruiser to handle a minor matter, detouring it from its more important job of handling emergencies.

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The dispute is resolved simply and quickly, with the officer acting as a neighborhood counselor instead of as an alien enforcer. In so doing, the patrolman creates a bond of sympathy and competence between his department and local residents.

Clearly, though, foot patrol is also powerful crime prevention—and nowhere did it prove to be more so than in Flint, Mich.

In the late 1970s, auto-industry layoffs sent Flint's robbery and burglary rates skyrocketing, while an unemployment rate of almost 24 percent slashed city tax revenues to the marrow. If Flint residents wanted to control crime, they were going to have to do it themselves. And the Flint police had a plan to help them do it. In 1979, the department chose 14 high-crime neighborhoods as experimental foot beats. The three-year pilot program was funded by the Mott Foundation, a private Michigan-based philanthropy, which also hired Michigan State University's School of Criminal Justice to evaluate the results. They were close to spectacular.

"In the 14 beats, crime went down almost 9 percent over the three-year



CODE BLUE — Police officers on foot patrol are a welcome sight in many big cities as some units return to the time-tested "beat" system to curb crime.

watch programs. As the groups took more responsibility for crime prevention themselves, Shuker acted as their adviser and link to the police department's other resources.

When Shuker and Flint's other foot officers learned of neighborhood problems that weren't crime-related—an alcoholic single parent, for example, or an elderly person in need of medical care—the cops contacted appropriate social service agencies. Before long, residents began to realize the officers cared as much about them and their neighborhoods as did most of the residents themselves.

At first, however, the officers usually don't want to get involved.

"In every department we've worked with," Trojanowicz said, "the officers initially have shown some kind of resistance to the program."

That resistance stems in part from the use of foot patrol as punishment in recent years; officers who lose their cars may feel "demoted."

Shuker pointed to another reason: "It's the old macho thing—if you're not tearing around in a police car and throwing people in jail, you're not a 'real policeman.'"

Indeed, in many departments, motor officers have derided their pedestrian colleagues as "the grin-and-wave squad," cops with public-relations jobs and little real work to do.

"I felt that way at first," Shuker admitted. "But as you get into the program you realize that you're doing more good if you prevent a problem than if you're waiting around to take action afterward."

The stigma of footwork seems to fade with time; Flint's foot officers now are all volunteers.

Another concern fades much more slowly—that of the officers for their personal safety. Miami's Metro Dade County Police Department encountered those concerns when it began its "Park and Walk" program in 1980. The scheme took police into the city's roughest areas.

"Initially, the officers didn't like it," admits Sgt. Rick Holton, who helped design the plan. "They thought they'd be opening themselves to sniper attacks and other trouble. But once they got out there and started shaking a few hands, they began to feel comfortable. We've never had any patrolman

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period," reported Dr. Robert Trojanowicz, the school's director. "That's not adjusting for a 10-percent overall increase in crime in Flint during the same period. So, in effect, we're talking about achieving a respectable 19 percent decrease in crime."

The experiment's best testimonial came in 1981. When the Mott grant ran out, citizens of Flint voted themselves a property tax increase to expand the program citywide. The result spoke loudly to law enforcement agencies around the country. Trojanowicz and Flint's police department were besieged by requests for help and advice in duplicating the program in other towns.

Shortly after, the Mott Foundation gave Trojanowicz a five-year, \$1-million grant to establish a National

Neighborhood Foot Patrol Center at MSU to help other police departments launch their own foot-beat plans. To date, the center has helped almost 70 departments do so.

Trojanowicz emphasizes foot officers as catalysts who energize neighborhood residents in their own attempts to control crime.

"We understand the community residents are the chief crime preventers," he said.

Lt. Tim Shuker, a former patrolman and now a supervisor in Flint's program, recalled, "My primary function was

to organize the community to work on its own."

Shuker visited every home and business on his beat, asking for volunteers to form crime-prevention groups. Within a year, he'd organized more than 30 block clubs and crime-

"A majority of the residents felt safer in their homes because of the foot-patrol program."

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RUBBLE—In just 10 hours, 8,300 shells, mortars and rockets struck An Loc.

ANGELS OF MERCY — Helo pilots braved death

By Philip C. Clarke

The radio communication from the U.S. Army adviser was terse and final: "Charlie's pounding on the door. I gotta go!" Then silence. After a brief but savage firefight, the South Vietnamese border town of Loc Ninh, guarded by a company of ARVNs and their lone American adviser, had been overrun by a massive North Vietnamese armored force in Hanoi's 1972 "Easter Offensive." A dozen miles down the highway toward Saigon lay the communists' next target: An Loc.

WHEN the first Soviet-built tanks rumbled into view, there was confusion and panic. Few of the South Vietnamese soldiers guarding An Loc on the morning of April 13, 1972, had ever seen one of the 40-ton steel monsters. But as the North Vietnamese armored columns entered the town, a singular act galvanized the defenders.

From the roof of Phuc Quang schoolhouse, a diminutive 15-year-old, his frail body clad in the black uniform

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THE SIEGE OF AN LOC

A CHRONICLE OF COURAGE

Displaying uncommon valor, a handful of American advisers and 7,000 ARVN, although outnumbered 5 to 1, withstood the massive NVA onslaught and bought another three years of freedom for South Vietnam.

of the regional militia, raised his rocket launcher and fired point-blank at an oncoming T-54. As the tank burst into flames, the boy gave a triumphant whoop. Quickly, other defenders equipped with LAWs—light anti-tank weapons—and taught how to use them by American advisers, fired on dozens of enemy tanks.

Thus began the Battle of An Loc. But as the communists surrounded and set siege to the town, so also commenced a desperate two-month

struggle for survival by thousands of trapped soldiers and civilians.

With the flash and rumble of approaching battle, families scurried to gather up possessions and then disappeared underground. Old shelters had been enlarged and new ones hurriedly built for An Loc's 20,000 refugees. The streets were deserted.

The odds against the defenders were enormous. Hanoi had committed four divisions and an armored battalion to its assault in the south—36,000



to ferry in supplies and medevac ARVN wounded.



GEN. ULMER

BLOWN ARMOR—100 Soviet-built tanks assaulted An Loc, but only a handful survived.

troops backed by masses of heavy artillery and more than 100 tanks. Manning An Loc's defenses were 6,800 mostly untried conscripts of the 5th Division, ARVN (Army of the Republic of Vietnam). An Loc's American advisers never totaled more than 25.

U.S. reconnaissance planes had tracked the enemy army as it crossed the Cambodian border and advanced southward along Highway 13. Additional arms were rushed to An Loc's garrison. The Americans directed work on a series of trenches to serve as a defense perimeter.

The strategy helped to repulse the communists' initial attack on April 13, but bloodshed was heavy on both sides.

"One enemy tank gunner was having a field day," said Capt. Harold Moffett Jr., an adviser with the ARVN's Ranger battalion. "He was shooting everything—shooting into the church and shooting down women and kids. When the cannon ran dry, the gunner fired the .51 caliber machinegun until its ammo was gone. Then we went in and knocked it out."

At midday on the 13th, the North Vietnamese withdrew to lick their wounds. The smoldering hulks of 18 T-54 and PT-76 tanks littered the streets. On the 14th, the communists brought up more troops, tanks and artillery and launched a furious new attack. An Loc's defenders wavered and fell back. In the southeast corner of town, firebase Lamson, with 200 ARVN troops, was encircled.

By April 17, four days into the battle, enemy salients from the east and west had driven to within two

“
I thought about
burning photos of my
family when it seemed
we would be overrun.
I just didn't want
someone finding
those pictures on me.”

blocks of each other. An Loc was in danger of being cut in half. An ARVN battalion holding out in the town's jailhouse was overrun and annihilated.

With time and territory running out, the American advisers radioed for air support. A wave of B-52s responded, blasting the enemy's main concentrations with devastating precision. The strike bought An Loc's defenders precious time to regroup.

But now the enemy's tactics changed. If An Loc would not give up, it would be destroyed—"pounded into dust," as one NVA commander vowed. For An Loc's huddled survivors, an even more terrifying ordeal had begun. Over the next six weeks, more than 78,000 rounds of rocket, mortar and high-explosive artillery shells would rain down on the shrinking perimeter, now less than a mile in diameter.

The order of the day was "Dig!" But digging foxholes didn't come easily to the ARVNs. "They had to be convinced that the only way to save their butts was to dig that hole and fill that sandbag!" said William H. Miller, U.S. advisory team chief.

For thousands of homeless civilians, however, there was no safe place to hide. Unable to find shelter elsewhere, some 2,000 men, women and children crowded into St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, its bullet-ridden spire rising above the western part of town. During a noon prayer service, a shell crashed through the roof and burst near the altar. Forty persons, including the priests, were killed and more than 200 others were wounded. As survivors ran screaming from the carnage, three more bursts hit the churchyard, claiming more victims.

By late April, An Loc was being pounded by more than 2,000 rounds a day and armored probes were biting ever deeper into the perimeter.

An Loc's defenders were nearing exhaustion. Lt. Col. Edward B. Benedict, an adviser with the ARVN 7th regiment, said: "The enemy pounded and pounded. He'd hit and take a house, then reinforce at night and the next day he'd take the next house and the next. And when you're working in only a 1,000 or so square meters, you can lose only so many houses."

By May 1st, 18 days after the battle began, nearly half of An Loc's defenders had been killed or wounded, with all of An Loc enveloped in enemy fire. Barely a handful of reinforcements had got through by helicopter. More than

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The voice of Liberty still rings as clear as it did two centuries ago when our freedom was born. This July 4th, celebrate America's birthday by visiting some of her historic sites.



PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION BUREAU

America's Most Popular HISTORIC SITES

By Gary Turbak

AS America marks another birthday, smart travelers are planning a trip through time. From coast to coast, a chain of historic sites stands ready to lead sojourners backward to the roots of our heritage.

Such a trip could begin, perhaps, where the country did. From beneath the earth at Jamestown peek the ruins of the first successful English settlement in America. Nearby, at restored Colonial Williamsburg, horses' hooves click on cobblestone just as they did when Patrick Henry and George Washington walked the streets.

Independence Hall echoes with the patriotic speeches of a long ago July 4th. The Old North Church stands

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COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

GOVERNOR'S PALACE—Graceful setting for colonial government.

ready to blink its message: "One if by land and two if by sea . . ." And here and there across the countryside lie the graves of those who insisted upon freedom—Paul Revere, Samuel Adams, Benjamin Franklin.

Step into the homes of yesterday's giants, and centuries past unfold before you. At Monticello, the genius that was Jefferson rings from every rafter of the mansion he designed. In

Missouri stands the white clapboard home where a youngster named Samuel Clemens passed his early years.

Then there are the sites where America stood and fought. The flag still waves o'er the ramparts at Fort McHenry, just as it did in 1814 for Francis Scott Key. At Valley Forge, keen ears can still hear the squeak of worn boots on snow and sharp eyes can spot ragged patriots huddled 'round a campfire.

The natural wealth of the nation drew a hardy breed of American westward. To the silver mines and places like Tombstone, Ariz., where mock gunfights still rage in the OK Corral. And to the seemingly endless riches of California, where gold glistens in the streams and where dozens of ghost towns dot the hills.

But it is more than a vacation, this foray back in time. A look at the past can lend new meaning to the present . . . and perhaps even give a glimpse at the future. □



COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

POWDER MAGAZINE—Built in 1715 in Williamsburg, Virginia's capital and center for colonial culture and politics, the magazine housed colonists' ammunition.



PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION BUILDING

INDEPENDENCE HALL—Founding fathers gathered here to speak of freedom.



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

VALLEY FORGE—Washington and 11,000 men endured a trying winter in which disease killed more than 3,000. In spring, the beleaguered army marched on to victory.



J. T. KITCH

MONTICELLO—Designed by Jefferson, it is an architectural masterpiece.



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



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BOSTON—Within walking distance are many of Boston's historic attractions, including the 1729 Old South Meeting House and the USS Constitution.



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

WINTER HEADQUARTERS—Washington planned here for the 1777-78 battle.

Planning a Trip?

Remember to use your
American Legion

Family Benefit Plan

DISASTER!

CAN EMERGENCY MANAGERS MANAGE OUR EMERGENCIES?

Disaster plans of many cities are poorly devised and funded, and little more than 'paper drills.' What does this portend for America when a real crisis occurs?

By Steve Salerno

It is May 18, 1980, in Yakima, Wash., and the pyrotechnic fury of Mount St. Helens has turned mid-day to midnight. As tons of ash descend on the region, alarmed authorities move to implement Yakima's volcano emergency plan—only to discover that the city has no real emergency plan.

Ultimately, state and federal agencies, acting in concert with the American Red Cross, stepped in to do a creditable job against a singular, fearsome adversary. But the inadequacy of local response—in the face of a disaster that had been forecast for some time—underscored the kind of situation that could threaten virtually any of America's citizens.

Today, we face an unprecedented array of potential natural and man-made disasters. Because emergency response is generally heirarchal—that is, the county won't step in until city resources have been exhausted, the state won't step in until county re-

sources have been exhausted—you are quite literally at the mercy of those who conceive and implement your local emergency plans—at least during the early going.

Unfortunately, a survey by the International City Management Agency (ICMA) reveals that most communities are ill-equipped to deal with those types of disasters from which they are most likely to suffer.

Local response programs are often outmoded or poorly conceived. Some plans, for example, make the obligatory reference to "emergency evacuation," but their blueprints for mobilizing large numbers of people during chaos are sketchy or incomplete. Other plans depend for their success on a significant amount of lead time, even though the typical disaster gives little or no warning.

Plans tend to be untried as well, the ICMA found. Barely half of all American municipalities that do have disaster response plans test them annually.

More ominous is the "awareness

gap" revealed by the ICMA survey. Despite the many deficiencies uncovered in the study, spokesmen for four-fifths of the cities surveyed reported satisfaction with the status of their emergency preparedness.

Roger Kemp, a West Coast city administrator and author on the preparedness subject, said that for the average city government, disaster preparedness is a classic case of locking the barn door after the horses have escaped.

"It's like a doctor telling a patient to go on a diet," said Kemp. "You don't listen until you have a heart attack. Then you diet."

The record bears this out. Oswego, N.Y.—with two nuclear power stations already operating and a third in the works—has a state-of-the-art disaster plan. But it took the Three Mile Island accident to prompt Oswego's action. Similarly, many southern cities began spending adequate amounts of money on flood control only after their citizens tired of being savaged yearly.



HIGH WATER—Tucson's foresight in investing \$5 million to shore up a local river prevented many more millions of dollars in damage as the river eventually flooded, but the huge downtown area was virtually untouched.

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ONCE TOO OFTEN—Many disaster plans evolve from reaction rather than planning. Citizens grow angry about being victimized annually by such crises as hurricanes that devastate coastal communities and demand that something must be done.

One major hindrance to the progress of viable emergency management is that, in the absence of intensive training, most people are incapable of assessing an area's emergency preparedness. Although experts blamed crisis management as one negative factor in the flooding of a West Coast city a few years ago, few persons outside the city administration found out about it.

Like doctors, said one administrator, emergency planners tend to have their mistakes buried.

Even the best-laid plans have been criticized for their "cookie-cutter" similarity—their tendency to pore over every conceivable disaster at the expense of focusing on the most probable ones.

One of the most successful preparedness programs in recent history was designed by the city of Tucson, Ariz., to control flooding along a local river. Armed with \$5 million from regional and federal funds, Tucson's Downtown Development Corporation shored up the river banks. When the rains came in late 1983, downtown Tucson remained largely untouched while many areas nearby were ravaged by floodwaters.

"MOST PEOPLE ARE INCAPABLE OF ASSESSING AN AREA'S EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS."

Tucson's success mirrored that of Wichita Falls, Texas, whose comprehensive disaster plan was credited with holding fatalities to 46 during a devastating tornado that caused some \$400 million in property damage.

Not every city can come up with an extra \$5 million in funding; and there are some catastrophes considered virtually unplannable. California's next monster earthquake, when it comes—and scientists are unanimous that it will—is projected to cost as much as \$200 billion, roughly half of the state's current gross annual product.

The earthquake threat grows in proportion to the automation of society. Computerized lines of credit would be frozen instantly; electronically stored records of debits and credits would cease to exist, or take so long to reconstruct as to be functionally useless. Some have gone so far as to voice skepticism over whether the national economy could withstand an 8.0 magnitude quake in San Francisco, where much of the nation's banking activity is concentrated.

Traditionally, the one touchstone in everyone's disaster planning has been the Red Cross, with 3,000 national chapters and an enviable 100-year track record in coping with the unexpected. But recent events have confounded even the Red Cross's efforts to pick up the slack in disaster recovery. The recession has taken its toll on monetary donations and the panic over AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) has sharply curtailed blood donations in major urban centers—precisely those places where plasma shortages are most acute in a major emergency.

Then, there is a question of facilities. It is conceivable that a single

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Do We Really Have A Nuclear Waste Problem?

By Dr. Bernard L. Cohen

WHEN a fuel is burned to liberate energy, the fuel material does not simply disappear, but rather it is converted into other forms, which we call "waste." This applies to coal burning, where some of the wastes are familiar as "air pollution" and "ashes," and it also applies to nuclear fuel, where the wastes are radioactive atoms that remain trapped inside the fuel elements. In the nuclear case, the quantities are millions of times less—the wastes produced each year by one power plant could fit under a card table—but they are highly toxic (comparable to cyanide for the first 200 years) and must therefore be isolated from human contact. This will be accomplished by converting them into a rocklike material, such as a glass or ceramic, and burying the wastes in the natural habitat of rocks—deep underground.

If the waste is separated out of the fuel elements, it will be added to glass-forming material at high temperature to form solid glass cylinders about one foot in diameter and 10 feet long, weighing a half ton. This is now being done on a commercial scale in France, and a plant is under construction in South Carolina to do it with radioactive waste from military programs.

An alternative procedure is not to separate the waste, but rather to bury the spent fuel elements, which are already a rock-like ceramic, formed into a three-ton cylindrical package. In either case, about 15 cylinders would be produced each year by each of the

130 reactors expected to be operating in this country in the 1990s.

Burial involves excavating an underground system of shafts, similar to a mine, with holes perhaps 30 feet apart in which the waste will be emplaced; the holes, and later the shafts, will then be back-filled. The principal danger is that this buried waste may be contacted by ground water, dissolved, and carried back to the surface where it might contaminate food and water supplies. For extra protection against this possibility, the

"The public perception is that a (waste) repository subjects the local population to great risks."

waste will be sealed in special casings capable of withstanding ground water attack for a very long time. The backfill material will be clay, which swells up when wet to form a very tight seal preventing ground water intrusion. The burial site will be in rock with very low (if any) ground water flow. The surrounding rock will be of a type that very efficiently filters dissolved radioactive waste out of ground water, and means will be provided to easily detect any waste leakage in plenty of time to take measures to protect public health. Although no waste has yet been buried in this way, all aspects of the operation have been demonstrated, and no technological problems are anticipated.

By far the most formidable problems are political, in obtaining approval by the state in which the waste repository is to be located. Because the public perception is that a repository subjects the local population to great risks, it is politically difficult for state politicians to approve, and it is temptingly easy for them to reap political benefits by opposition. If these political problems become insurmountable, China has offered to bury our waste in exchange for hard currency.

To what extent is this public concern about the dangers of radioactive waste justified? According to all scientific analyses, it is certainly grounds for concern; but, that concern is apparently out of proportion to the actual risks involved with nuclear waste versus other wastes.

For example, based on statistical analysis, if half of all our electricity were generated by nuclear power for millions of years, all of the accumulated buried waste would cause about three deaths per year. By comparison, the air pollution from generating that electricity by coal burning causes 4,000 deaths per year. Moreover, coal contains small quantities of various metals that are dispersed into the soil when the coal is burned. Among these are cancer-causing chemicals like cadmium, arsenic and beryllium, which can be picked up by plant roots to get into food supplies. Analyses very similar to those used for the radioactive waste indicate that these will eventually cause 10,000 deaths per year. In addition, coal contains small amounts of uranium which, after release into the soil, serves as a source of the radioactive gas *radon*, which can be inhaled by people to cause cancer; this will eventually cause 4,000 deaths per year.

Thus there are *three different wastes* from coal burning—air pollution, cancer causing chemicals and uranium—each of which will cause over a thousand times as many deaths as the nuclear waste.

Nevertheless, nearly all of the public fear is of the nuclear waste. Not only is this grossly exaggerated public concern causing the political problems cited above, but also it has forced our government to adopt extremely elaborate and expensive measures to improve safety. These measures correspond to spending over \$1 billion per life saved, whereas this money could be far more effectively spent on cancer screening or highway safety programs where thousands of lives could be saved with that expenditure.

This waste of money and lives because of misplaced public concern is our *real* waste problem. □



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Veterans who lose their federal jobs because the work is contracted out may expect some government help. The Office of Personnel Management has proposed an outplacement assistance program to help veterans who are custodians, messengers, guards or elevator operators—positions reserved by law for preference-eligible veterans.

Proposed regulations would require agencies that are reducing their labor force because of contract labor arrangements to alert veterans of the chance to receive priority registration in an out-placement assistance program at an OPM office.

OPM assistance would be available for six months, with an additional six-month extension, depending on the circumstances. The rules would require agencies to make a maximum effort to find other suitable positions for the veterans, including the right of first refusal for jobs with the contractor. A new provision also would require agencies to pay reasonable costs for training and relocation involved with job placement.

A support group for veterans with Parkinson's Disease has been formed at the Manhattan VA Medical Center in New York City. Sponsored by the American Parkinson's Disease Association (APDA), the group provides information about coping with the illness and maintains the names and addresses of support groups sponsored by APDA in other areas of the country. Write to Judith Ifrach, Project Coordinator, Neurology Service 630/127, Manhattan Veterans Administration Medical Center, 24th St. and First Ave., New York, NY 10010; or telephone (212) 686-7500, ext. 757 or 601.

The women veterans population is increasing, while the male veterans population is decreasing, according to a recent VA report.

Since the 1980 Census, the number of women veterans has increased by about 51,000 as the number of separations from military service continued to outnumber deaths. There are an estimated 1.2 million women veterans, 4.1 percent of the overall veteran population of 28 million. In contrast, the male veteran population has been declining steadily as deaths have surpassed separations from military service by an average of 148,000 a year.

The VA report, based on the 1980 Census and recent VA-developed statistics, contains an analysis of demographic and socio-economic characteristics of women veterans. The 1980 Census, which was the first time women were asked about their veteran status, provided reliable data on women veterans employment, education, income, marital status, age, period of service and race.

At the end of fiscal year '84, the median age for all women veterans was 52, almost the same as for male veterans. On Census Day, April 1, 1980, there were 123,000

black women veterans in the United States—11.1 percent of the total women veterans population. Women veterans of Spanish origin numbered 44,000, about 4 percent of the total number of women veterans.

More than 75 percent of all women veterans had been graduated from high school and 14.8 percent were college graduates. Slightly more than one-half of the 1.1 million women veterans in 1980 were employed. They represented 2.6 percent of all veterans in the labor force on Census Day.

A related report analyzed how women veterans use their educational benefits. *Female Veterans' Usage of the Post-Korean Conflict GI Bill* reveals that women veterans have participated in VA educational benefit programs at about two-thirds the rate of male veterans.

Monkey maids for the severely disabled may soon become as widespread as guide dogs for the blind. Under a program funded by the Veterans Administration, eight small monkeys have been trained to be the hands and feet of quadriplegics.

The monkeys can open and close doors, retrieve or replace objects, turn lights on and off, pick up telephone receivers, vacuum, wash windows and perform simple feeding tasks. The program has been restricted to date by the scarcity of Capuchin monkeys from Central and South America. But with the establishment of a breeding center in Homestead, Fla., officials hope to train up to 40 female monkeys a year as "helping hands" to the disabled. Trainers said males are not used because they are difficult to housebreak.

It costs about \$8,000 to produce one "helping hands" monkey, but with the support of private contributions the monkeys may become available to patients for about \$150, the current rate for a seeing eye dog.

Before traveling outside the United States, veterans should find out how their benefits are affected, the VA has advised.

Veterans with service-connected disabilities, for example, should obtain a statement of their disabilities from the VA office maintaining their medical records. The statement will enable the veteran to obtain VA-paid, emergency treatment or hospitalization when proper application for medical benefits and the statement are presented at the U.S. embassy or consular office in a foreign country.

VA also emphasized that only veterans retired from military service are eligible for medical benefits at overseas military hospitals and clinics. Certain VA educational benefits are also available to eligible veterans, spouses and children.

The VA will mail compensation and pension checks to most overseas locations, when requested. However, veterans wishing to buy property overseas will not be able to use the VA home loan guaranty program. □

KOREA: MEMORIES OF A FORGOTTEN WAR



WINTER WARFARE—American soldiers climb tortuous slopes in subzero cold while seeking enemy positions north of Seoul.

KOREA, the “forgotten war,” was an unpopular conflict.

Reminiscent of Vietnam, Korea disgusted many Americans who saw it as a dirty, senseless conflict, fought 10,000 miles from home, where thousands of young Americans were being killed or maimed for goals many people could not understand.

For the record, the war began on a quiet Sunday, June 25, 1950, when 135,000 soldiers, 200 Russian-built tanks and planes of the North Korean People's Army, stormed across the 38th Parallel in a general invasion of South Korea. Screened by a ground fog and thick drizzle, the invaders—commanded by Soviet Army generals of Korean descent—flattened South Korean defenses in a German-styled blitzkrieg that had the appearance of being a cakewalk to victory.

Korea was a rude awakening for America, who five years after the second “war to end all wars,” had let its military strength and combat readiness decline so drastically that it had to mobilize its reservists and cannibalize its active forces to muster enough men to stem the Red tide.

It was a costly war. In the first year alone, 1,250,000 soldiers and civilians on both sides were killed, wounded or missing; after three years of combat 54,246 Americans were killed and 103,284 wounded. And some of the war's most savage fighting raged on for two more years. Korea was painful memories of violent combat, searing heat, bone-numbing cold, driving blizzards, tortuous mountains, endless miles of snow, frostbite and massive enemy frontal assaults against beleaguered U.N. troops.

From June to September 1950, we almost lost the war. Inch-by-inch we fought our way back, beginning with the brilliantly executed Inchon landing that liberated Seoul, routed the enemy and brought war's end in sight. Then China entered the war. Eight Chinese divisions of about 60,000 soldiers punched across the Yalu River and met the Marines head-on at the Chosin Reservoir.

This turned out to be one of the greatest epics of American military annals, as the Marines fought their way to the seacoast in their “advance to the rear.” Nearly 4,000 were killed or wounded, but they mauled the Chinese so badly that what was left of them took three months to mend be-

fore they could retake the field.

On July 27, 1953, the Korean War ended in a stalemate with a cease-fire a few meters north of where it began, but it left a lasting legacy of achievements: Heroism earned 131 Medals of Honor; the odds for survival for the wounded in Korea and future wars increased 200 to 1 because of new technology, such as the helicopter and body armor; Korea saw the only true bayonet engagement by American soldiers since the Battle of Cold Harbor during the Civil War; and Korea served as a good warning that America must never again risk disaster by neglecting its own defense.

If the Korean War has been forgotten by some, underrated by others, dismissed by still others, two important facts must never be forgotten: It was our first attempt to stop the Reds by force of arms and it stopped them; and our goal in Korea was to ensure the continued independence of the Republic of South Korea and it has.

By any standard used to measure success, the men who fought in Korea won their victory. □

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SEOUL CITY—Fresh from the Inchon landing, Marines battle door-to-door in Seoul, liberating the city and breaking the back of the Red offensive.



MOVING UP—American road signs mark U.N. troops' assault north.



WAR VICTIMS—Korea left three million homeless on both sides.



ARMORED ASSAULT—Steel-hulled behemoths blast communist-held positions during an assault against the Chinese on the Korean central front.



FIGHTING FUEL—Weary soldiers break from war for a hot meal.

POW/MIAs: SOME PROGRESS, MUCH HOPE

By Richard L. Armitage

ON April 30, 1985, 10 years from the day of the fall of Saigon, President Ronald Reagan, in a report to the Congress on the Prisoners of War/Missing in Action issue, wrote "... I would like to re-emphasize my personal dedication to the great national effort." Simultaneously, high-ranking Vietnamese officials were seen on American television sets urging normalization of relations with the United States *before* attainment of the fullest possible accounting of our missing servicemen. These two events represent separate national interests of highest priority to each country and reflect the fundamental difficulty we have had in seek-

TEN YEARS AFTER SAIGON FELL, THE FATE OF OUR POW- MIAs REMAINS UN- KNOWN — BUT HOPE STILL ENDURES.

ing to resolve the POW/MIA issue with Hanoi.

Vietnam agreed, at least in principle, that this issue is a humanitarian matter and separate from other political issues. The Reagan Administration, taking Hanoi at its word, has pursued a resolution of the POW/MIA issue on this basis with unprecedented vigor and determination. We have intensified negotiations with both the Vietnamese and Laotian governments, dramatically raised intelligence priorities, assigned additional personnel to work the increasing amount of information, made resolution of the POW/MIA issue a fundamental goal of U.S. foreign policy, and, in conjunction with the National League of Families, launched a national public awareness campaign to alert every American to our outstanding debt to our POW/MIAs.

These actions have produced concrete results. The remains of more than 30 of our missing in action have been recovered, resolving the uncertainty of their families. The first joint crash site excavation since the end of the war has been conducted in Laos. The governments of Laos and Vietnam have a better understanding of our seriousness of purpose in ending this

national tragedy. In a joint communique in 1984, the three Indo-chinese foreign ministers stated that they would cooperate with us on the POW/MIA matter, citing for the first time the increased interest of the American people in this question.

Public awareness is effective when it is directed toward Vietnam and Laos urging cooperation; it is counterproductive when used to sow divisiveness among ourselves. One lesson of Vietnam is the Vietnamese desire to manipulate U.S. public opinion, which they closely monitor and believe that they have a great ability to affect. Unfortunately, we have seen the increased American attention to this issue exploited by some with other than noble motives. Their tools are fabricated intelligence reports, misinformation, distortion of U.S. government efforts and attacks on responsible individuals and groups backing our

VIETNAM VETS CAN HELP, TOO

THE United States government is seeking any information Vietnam veterans may have on the burial sites of Viet Cong or North Vietnamese military personnel.

The information will be provided to Vietnam in hopes the Vietnamese government will better respond to the American people's demands for the fullest possible accounting of the fate of persons listed as POW or MIA.

Be as specific as possible. If known, include the number and type of personnel, date of burial, coordinates and name of nearest village or terrain feature, and describe how the graves were marked or reported.

Send any information you have to National League of Families, 1608 K St., N.W. Washington, DC 20006.

8,177 STILL MISSING FROM KOREAN WAR

IN addition to the 2,477 Americans who are prisoners or missing in action in Southeast Asia, there are still 8,177 Americans unaccounted for from the Korean War. The American Legion has resolutions urging the fullest accountings for both POW/MIA groups.

The U.S. government is also committed to seeking the fullest possible accounting for Korean War POW/MIAs. However, the passage of time and continuous denials from North Korea make the task even more difficult than efforts to account for those still missing in Southeast Asia.

The U.S. government continues to press the issue at meetings of the Military Armistice Commission in Panmunjom, Korea, and has sought information through all other available channels.

Richard L. Armitage was appointed assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs on June 9, 1983. He served three in-country tours in Vietnam as a Navy officer.



AT LAST—The remains of an American killed in the Vietnam War arrive home following U.S. negotiations with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

government's current strategy.

The resultant divisiveness can only serve Hanoi's interests. It provides opportunities for the Vietnamese to exploit. Hanoi hopes to generate pressure on the U.S. government to concede to their political agenda for normalization without substantive resolution of the POW/MIA issue. The U.S. government went down that road in the 1970s and it proved to be a dead end. This administration is resolved not to make the same mistake.

At the same time, we are not unremittently hostile toward the Vietnamese and have told them so. We bear the Vietnamese people no ill will nor implacable hostility. But if they wish to improve the atmosphere for movement toward bilateral relations, the POW/MIA issue is the one area where they can begin. There are some signs that Hanoi is coming to understand this fact. The Vietnamese have recently agreed to at least six technical meetings each year, repatriated six more of our missing (two of whom were from the died-in-captivity list) and agreed to a crash site survey, the first step toward joint excavation in Vietnam. However, progress is

entirely too slow for us, and we will continue to press them hard for accelerated efforts.

The highest priority on our POW/MIA agenda is to resolve the question of whether Americans are still being held captive in Indochina. We are following a two-pronged approach consisting of heightened intelligence and comprehensive diplomatic undertakings. Should we confirm that American prisoners are being held, the President has pledged decisive action to ensure their return. And who among you doubts that this President will carry out his word? Despite Hanoi's denials, we will continue to raise this issue with the Vietnamese as they have yet to satisfactorily resolve even the obvious discrepancies concerning those they acknowledged were captive during the war but did not return.

As of April 1985, we had received 751 alleged firsthand, live-sighting reports. We have resolved 77 percent of these reports and the remainder are still under intensive investigation. In addition to those firsthand live-sighting reports in the news recently were statements by Marine PFC Robert Garwood that while in Vietnam he saw

American prisoners after Operation Homecoming in 1975.

Garwood returned to the United States in 1979 and at that time told the Marine Corps, congressional members and others that he had no firsthand knowledge of Americans who might still be held prisoner. In a December 1984 newspaper article, he claimed to have such knowledge and provided several examples.

The Department of Defense contacted Garwood through his attorneys to seek a professional interview with him concerning his claims; however, satisfactory arrangements could not be completed. We still hope Garwood will agree to such interviews in the presence of counsel. Any conclusive statements on Garwood's claims cannot be made until such interviews are held. At best, his information is seven years old, but we are prepared to fully investigate his reports.

The vast majority of our fellow Vietnam veterans have responsibly backed the top priority efforts of the administration to resolve the POW/MIA issue. The programs of The American Legion and other mainline veterans groups have been especially helpful. We note and especially appreciate the important support of The American Legion to the National League of Families by providing office space and encouragement.

Remaining united in this national effort is the key to ultimate success. As the President reported to the Congress, "In this effort, there can be no partisan or parochial views or any special interests, but only the interest of the entire American people to see to it that all of us do our duty toward those who served this nation so well in time of war and toward their families who look to us to help secure the answers they so rightfully seek and deserve."

Speaking for the administration and most especially for the Department of Defense, I can state categorically that not only is the prosecution of the POW/MIA issue a sacred duty, it is a solemn debt owed to our fellow comrades-in-arms and their loved ones. Further, it is a down payment to future American warriors should they share a like misfortune. Our uniformed servicemen and women must have full confidence that their government cares deeply about their fate and will spare no efforts to bring them home.

We must continue together, therefore, in the national quest with perseverance and resolve until our goal of the fullest possible accounting has been achieved. □

LEGION OF VALOR SEEKING VETERANS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Legion of Valor, an organization of recipients of the nation's two highest military decorations for heroism, is seeking new members among veterans who have received one or both of the awards for valor.

The organization was formed April 23, 1890, in Washington, D.C., by veterans of the Civil War and the Indian Campaign who had received the Medal of Honor. It was named The Medal of Honor Legion.

With additions to the nation's military, the organization changed. In 1955 it was chartered by Congress as the Legion of Valor, comprised of members who have received either the Medal of Honor or the second-ranking decoration for heroism from the services—The Army Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross (for the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard) or the Air Force Cross. Current membership is about 500 persons.

At its annual reunion, the Legion of Valor honors a national or international figure "who has exemplified the American way of life, is a good citizen,

and, particularly, has assisted military service members," said Carlos C. Ogden Sr., Legion of Valor national commander.

"This award is made because many of the Legion's participants are exceptional citizens themselves," Ogden said. "They were drafted or volunteered for military service and, at some time during their careers, encountered action or armed conflict in which they either turned the tide of battle or saved the lives of many of their comrades. Their presence was part of an event in history."

For membership information contact Carlos C. Ogden Sr., 6013 Calle Felice, San Jose, CA 95124.

HEROISM LEADS LIST OF AWARDS

While vacationing in Florida, Legionnaire John Chvila plunged into shark-frequented waters to help save the lives of crewmen from a helicopter that crashed near shore moments earlier.

Chvila helped pull the injured airmen ashore and administered first aid. His action earned him The American Legion's 1985 Good Neighbor Award. Three other Legionnaires who distinguished themselves by outstanding service to their communities and fellow citizens also will receive the award.

Chvila, post commander of Baroda Community Post 345, Baroda, Mich., will be honored in the heroism category. Others receiving Good Neighbor Awards are John H. Lloyd, Hazel Park Post 411, Maplewood, Minn., for youth activities; Ronald Rose, Adolph Pfister Post 1038, Valhalla, N.Y., for community service; and James F. Walker, Westphal Post 251, Ribbonsdale, Minn., for his work with veterans.

Firing Line Offers Latest Information On Radical Groups

The American Legion opposes every form of radicalism and subversion regardless of its source.

One way to recognize radical elements, where they are and how they work, is through a subscription to **FIRING LINE**, Americanism's monthly newsletter that publishes current events relating to the communist menace and other subversive influences throughout the United States, and also keeps Legionnaires abreast of current Legion positions regarding subversion.

DO YOU SUBSCRIBE TO FIRING LINE?

Firing Line is The American Legion's publication that reports the current activities of subversive individuals and organizations. Send name and address with a check for \$5 (one-year subscription) to *Firing Line*, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

(Multiple copies of 20 or more to the same address are available at \$1 per copy.)

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Wheeler Appointed As New Publisher

Daniel S. Wheeler has been appointed publisher/editor-in-chief of The American Legion Magazine by National Cmdr. Clarence M. Bacon, effective May 15.

Wheeler, a Vietnam-era Navy veteran, replaced James N. Sites, who stepped down after nearly two years of service. Before his appointment, Wheeler had served as the assistant publisher/editor since November 1981. During his six years with the magazine, he also served as assistant editor, managing editor and editor.

Wheeler is a member of Hochstedler Post 318 in Westfield, Ind.

LEGION OF VALOR—Society of heroes
Includes Medal of Honor recipients.





BULLET STOPPER—Morris Olson displays the Bible, prayer booklets, pay record and metal mirror that deflected a sniper's bullet 40 years ago and saved his life.

MOM'S ADVICE SAVES SON'S LIFE

Morris Olson is alive today because 40 years ago he honored a request made by his mother.

As a 23-year-old machinegunner with the Army's 45th Division in war-torn France, Olson was battling German machinegunners in January 1945, when a sniper's bullet to the left side of his chest knocked him to the dirt. He scrambled up only to be knocked flat again as he was badly wounded in his left arm.

Olson was evacuated to a first aid station where he remained for several hours on a cot. Medics didn't want to remove his shirt because they thought the chest wound had stopped bleeding and they didn't want to reopen such a severe wound.

After a chaplain learned how long Olson had lain there, he realized the wound was not as serious as originally believed and he removed Olson's shirt.

To his astonishment, the chest wound amounted to a mere dent in the skin. The chaplain opened Olson's left shirt pocket and removed the buckskin pouch that held the Bible his mother had asked him to carry over his heart. There was a gaping hole in the pouch, the upper right corner of the Bible was shredded, the upper right corners of two prayer booklets behind the bible were blasted away, Olson's pay

record behind the booklets had a hole in it, and a metal mirror behind the pay record had a dent in the upper right corner.

The sniper's bullet had struck the pocket Bible, chewed through the other items and dinged almost harmlessly off the mirror.

Arthur McDowell, 68, Passed Away May 19

Arthur M. McDowell, 68, a member of The American Legion Magazine Commission and editor of *Forty et Eighter*, died May 19 after suffering a heart attack in Lafayette, Ind.

A former Delphi, Ind., newspaper editor for 20 years and U.S. Army veteran of World War II, McDowell served 21 years as the public relations director for the Indiana Department, and served as department historian and editor of the *Hoosier Legionnaire*.

McDowell was a past 2nd District commander, past national executive committeeman, past post commander and life member of the Harry Bonan-non Post 75, Delphi, and a member of the Governor's Advisory Commission for the Indiana Veterans Home at Lafayette.



VETERANS ADVISER

Do you have questions concerning your veterans' benefits? The American Legion Magazine will answer as many as possible in this column. We regret that we are unable to provide a personal response to each query. Write to The American Legion Magazine, Veterans Adviser Editor, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Q. My husband was killed in World War II while on active duty and was buried in a national cemetery. Is it possible for me to be buried in a national cemetery also?

A. Yes, any spouse of an honorably discharged veteran killed while on active duty may be buried in a national cemetery.

Q. My service-connected disability has increased in severity and I can no longer work. Am I entitled to assistance for retraining?

A. You may be entitled to vocational rehabilitation and counseling to help you find and be trained for a suitable vocation.

Q. My brother is having some personal problems. His wife says he often has nightmares about Vietnam. What can the VA do to help?

A. The VA has a network of Vet Centers throughout the country staffed by counselors who have been specially trained to help Vietnam veterans. Vet Centers are located in most larger metropolitan areas. To find one nearest you, call a VA facility in your state.

Q. My husband is a World War I veteran who does not receive any VA benefits. Is he eligible for VA outpatient treatment?

A. Yes. A World War I veteran may receive VA outpatient treatment for any disability even though he is not receiving VA benefits.

NEC GIVES ITS APPROVAL TO 42 LEGION RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION calling for laws in all states that would allow private testimony by victims in child abuse cases was one of 42 resolutions approved during meetings of the National Executive Committee at National Headquarters, May 8 and 9. Most of the approved resolutions involved administration, finance and logistics matters. In a decision of major interest concerning the eligibility dates for membership in The American Legion, the NEC voted to recommend no change in dates to the National Convention.

Other events during the five-day spring session in Indianapolis included a gathering of the Sons of The American Legion on Saturday, May 4, and meetings on May 6 and 7 of some 20 commissions, committees, subcommittees and other Legion groups.

Special guest speakers were Rep. John P. Hammerschmidt of Arkansas, the ranking minority member of the U.S. House Veterans Affairs Committee, and Brig. Gen. Ervin J. Rokke, dean of faculty, U.S. Air Force Academy. Rokke thanked The American Legion for its support of the Air Force Academy, noting that "from the beginning you have sponsored one of our most prestigious cadet achievement awards—the one given each year to the top student. Also in 1981, The American Legion of Colorado dedicated a memorial tower overlooking our chapel which is visited by 1.5 million tourists each year."

Speaking to the Legionnaires on Wednesday, May 8, the 40th anniversary of World War II's victory in Europe, Hammerschmidt voiced his committee's concern for veterans. He assured the gathering "that any idea of taxing the compensation of disabled, service-connected veterans has absolutely no support in the Congress of the United States."

He said someone in the Treasury Department originated the idea, but he didn't expect it would ever reach the White House. "In any event, it



IN SESSION—NECmen E. Roy Stone Jr. of South Carolina, left, and W. D. Harrell of Georgia, review 1985 resolutions being discussed at the spring session of the National Executive Committee held at National Headquarters in Indianapolis.

will never see the light of a legislative day in the Congress. Of that you can be certain."

Hammerschmidt also expressed the committee's opposition to any proposals that would erode veterans benefits—such as increases of origination fees on VA home loans and consolidation of VA regional offices.

Among other policy resolutions receiving NEC approval were:

- A resolution stating The American Legion needed to continue to educate and inform the American people of the Soviet threat and to resist that threat when and where it may appear.

- A resolution opposing the Genocide Convention on the constitutional grounds that an American could be brought to trial before an international court in a foreign land without protection of the Constitution.

- A resolution supporting swift military action by the President to protect U.S. national interests and recommending that the President expeditiously report the action to Congress and the American people.

- A resolution supporting legislation to provide presumptive service connection for former POWs who suffer from hepatitis and other infectious diseases of the liver; organic residuals of hypothermia, e.g., trench foot, immersion foot or hand, Raynaud's Disease; arthritis; peripheral neuropathy; and chronic pulmonary disease where there is history of forced labor in mines during internment.

- A resolution resisting legislation that would reduce tax reductions related to volunteerism, including current policy governing use of private automobiles in volunteer work.

- A resolution calling for future annual National Conventions to begin no sooner than August 15 and end no later than September 15, in order to reduce individual costs to participants and eliminate schedule conflicts.

- A resolution authorizing the National Commander to appoint a national committee on the 1987 Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution to plan and coordinate an American Legion commemoration of the event. □



VETERANS' EMISSARY—PNC Daniel F. Foley (right), champions the veterans' cause in a meeting with House Speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neil on Capitol Hill during the Legion's Washington Conference.

He's the only person in South Carolina and only the ninth nationwide to receive the Good Shepherd Emblem Award. NECman E. Roy Stone Jr. earned the recognition for his long-time support of local Boy Scout programs. Stone also has received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor given to a volunteer by a council; the 50-year Scouting Service Award; and the Distinguished Eagle Award. Congratulations!

Folks call it the small post with a big heart, and Whitestown Post 1113, Whiteboro, N.Y., proved it after the Whitestown Senior Nutrition Program in Whitesboro lost its meeting place. It was threatened with further loss of its Senior Nutrition grant unless it could find another place in which to serve its 220 meals a day to senior citizens.

When it became evident that a facility of the right size was unavailable, Whitesboro Legionnaires offered their post. Although cramped for space themselves, with nearly 1,000 members and a meeting room built to seat 120, post members voted to forego many of their activities so



seniors could use the facilities and save their grant.

The seniors accepted and set up shop immediately. It was a daily task of give-and-take from both groups, but Post Cmdr. Charlie Price and crew quickly worked out parking problems, moving of tables and chairs when the necessary Legion events were held, and routine clean-up assignments. The post even threw a special party that brought in 150 seniors, many of whom had not been out for months. Said one well-satisfied senior: "Post 1113 exhibited a grand display of compassion that was totally in keeping with the finest Legion standards of human decency, love, care and concern."

Youthful buckaroos in Ekalaka, Mont., got a chance to strut their stuff at the first American Legion Youth Rodeo, sponsored by Carter Post 60. Events included sheep riding for children to age 7, and flag racing, barrel racing, sheep riding, goat tying, pole bending, ribbon roping, and calf riding for youths to age 18. Belt buckles and plaques were the trophies. Legionnaire David Coons said the event was so successful that plans have already begun for next year's rodeo.



"Yes, I can," is Jim Duffy's way of adding a new perspective to personal determination. Although legally blind, his condition does not deter him from doing whatever he wants to do, including serving as commander of Post 83, LaPorte, Ind. Duffy suffers from an eye disease that allows him only enough sight to distinguish light from dark. Yet he's as active as he's ever been, and he has used his blindness as an opportunity to learn new things, such as writing Braille and enrolling in new programs for the visually impaired. He attended classes six hours a day, five days a week to learn to use his faculties better; how to communicate through Braille, typing and tape recording; and how to im-

prove daily living skills such as cooking, cleaning and hygiene. Not bad for a young man of 70.

Country music legend Loretta Lynn brightened the day for Universal City, Texas, Legionnaires and Auxiliary from Post 667, who operated two concession booths during the San Antonio Livestock and Rodeo Show to raise funds for post projects. After performing at the extravaganza, Miss Lynn joined Legionnaires Sue Rosenkrantz and Post Cmdr. George Duncan for a few get-to-know-you moments and a picture.



Setting the "eggsample" for continuity in community involvement is Robert S. Taylor and his fellow Legionnaires of Albert R. Atkinson Jr. Post 210, Doylestown, Pa. For the past 40 years they have provided chocolate eggs, marshmallow bunnies, jelly beans and 80 special prize baskets for local children participating in the annual Doylestown Easter Egg Hunt.

Practicing what he preaches, William A. Decker, post commander of Shadyside Post 521, Shadyside, Ohio, personally signed up more than 100 new members and reinstated 17 more. He also moved the post into first in the district and third in the state for top Americanism programs.

Legionnaire R. C. Green, Boonville, Miss., went shopping with his wife and ended up capturing three suspected swindlers. When he pulled into the shopping center, Green, a service-disabled veteran and member of several local veterans' organizations, noticed a young man soliciting shoppers for donations to the local DAV. Green knew that veterans' organizations do not solicit money on street corners or door-to-door, so he

questioned the man about the DAV. After the man gave him erroneous answers, Green collared him and two others and held them until local police authorities arrived and whisked them away.

Volunteer service is the calling card of Tacoma, Wash., Post 187 Legionnaires. The 70-member post is a regular contributor of time and money to the local VA center. Thurman Satterwhite, who was instrumental in getting Washington State posts to donate several thousand dollars in gifts and donations for VA patients, promoted volunteerism so strongly that every man and woman in the post participated.

Lest-We-Forget kudos to Rutledge-Boviall-Schauf-Madison Post 95 in Delavan, Wis., for erecting and maintaining in the lounge of their Veterans Memorial Building 52 American flags to honor that number of area servicemen killed in action during World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam.

Puppets in Wooster, Ohio, have joined the war against drugs and alcohol. For its Children and Youth month project, Wooster Post 68 sponsored a unique program to warn children against the dangers of alcohol and drugs. Post Cmdr. James Cannon and

Sergeant-at-Arms Paul Gleim headed a special committee that hired a professional puppeteer from nearby Canton to bring her cast of hand puppets into the third grades of all Wooster public and parochial schools over a three-day period in April. The puppet shows were performed 14 times in nine different schools to the delight of more than 300 children.

Educational support for Nicaraguan refugees kept Legionnaires busy at Costa Rica's Harold L. LeClaire Post 10. The post doesn't have unlimited funds, so when it invests its money in a community service it tries to do permanent good to the people it helps. The post's most recent project involved a Costa Rican camp that housed 1,500 Nicaraguan refugees, half of them children. After discover-



ing that the children lacked sufficient athletic and educational materials, post members set out to rectify the situation. Donations of personal funds from some of the Legionnaires, aluminum bats, softballs and a basketball were provided for the children's physical development; and reading primers, spelling books, pencils, notebooks, a pencil sharpener and writing tablets were supplied for their educational needs.

Described by those who work with him as one of the best known Legionnaires in the state, Adril L. Wright recently received the Alabama Governor's Annual Veteran of the Year Award. As adjutant and finance officer of Colbert County Memorial Post 31, Tusculum, Ala., life member Wright has served at all levels within the department, including commander, state historian and state chairman of the National Security Commission. He also is active in civil defense and POW/MIA matters, and serves as a state adviser to the U.S. Congressional Advisory Board.

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE MONTH



Joseph Rybak

PHOTOS of Joseph Rybak are hard to find because he's usually behind the camera—instead of in front of it—arranging publicity, and working on fund raising, youth projects and civic programs for Clark Post 328, Clark, N.J.

As post publicity chairman, life member Rybak supports his post and Clark Township through such events as a fund drive to raise \$2,600 for the Special Olympics, and encouraging the post to sponsor a baseball team. He also chaired committees to buy bullet-proof vests and a resuscitation device for the Clark police, and furniture for the volunteer fire department.

After serving with the Marines during World War II, and the Navy during the Korean War, Rybak joined the post in 1958 and served 22 years as finance officer, three terms as post commander, one term as county commander, and is now the county adjutant.

He helps organize dances, sports events, and coloring, essay and oratorical contests for Clark schools; supports fund-raisers for baseball equipment, the Vietnam Memorial and the Soldiers' Home in Menlo Park; and visits ailing Legionnaires in their homes and at the VA hospital.

Rybak's community standing is evident through his selection twice as runner-up for the Clark B'nai B'rith "Citizen of the Year Award."



MUTUAL AID—American Legion Post 95 Cmdr. Ron Garrison, Bridgeton, N.J., (right) presents a check to VFW Post 1795 commander Noel Ogden to purchase a bullet-proof vest for local policemen. The VFW started a "Vets for Vests" drive and Legionnaires were the first to donate.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Guidelines—Outfit Reunion notices are published for Legionnaires only and must be submitted on official forms. To obtain forms, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: O.R. Form, THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Notices must be received at least seven months before reunions are scheduled and will be published only on a first-come, first-served basis.

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- 2nd Med. Bn., 2nd Inf. Div.** (Aug-San Antonio, TX) H. R. Elmore, 403 Saratoga, San Antonio, TX 78213 (512) 342-6069
- 3rd Arm'd Cav. Regt.** (Sept-Harrisburg, PA) Saul Brantley Sr., 510 Berks St., Palmer, PA 18042 (215) 258-8149
- 7th Arm'd Div. Aasn.** (Sept-Cincinnati) Glenn Fackler, 23218 Springbrook Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48024 (313) 476-0777
- 11th Inf. Regt. Aasn.** (Sept.) Lilly Torres, 8000 Sargent Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46256
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- 37th Vets Assn. (FL Chapter)** (Nov-Kissimmee, FL) D. E. Martin, 525 Joe St., Zephyrhills, FL 34248 (813) 782-2289
- 52nd Med. Bn.** (Oct-Rochester, NY) Tom Burlingame, Box 198, Cincinnati, NY 13040 (607) 863-4325
- 62nd Engr. Top. Co.** (Oct-Myrtle Beach, SC) Earl Hillary, 7520 WBA Rd., Glen Burnie, MD 21061 (301) 761-2834
- 81st Ord. Co. H.M. Tank** (Aug-Breeze Wood, PA) George Kleponis, 905 Center St., Ashland, PA 17921 (717) 875-2177
- 100th Inf. Div. Aasn.** (Sept-Arlington, VA) A. F. Tom, 25 Luanne Rd., Stratford, CT 06497 (203) 377-2894
- 107th Evac. Hospital** (Oct-Woburn, MA) Allen Walker, 1272 Main St., Holyoke, MA 01040 (413) 534-1487
- 109th Inf. Regt., 28th Div.** (Sept-Grantville, PA) John Merkel, 318 Ward St., Dunmore, PA 18512 (717) 347-0898
- 121st QM Car Co.** (Oct-Pottsville, PA) Harold Casper, 633 State St., Hamburg, PA 19526 (215) 562-7881
- 121st Sta. Hospital WWII** (Oct-Ft. Myers, FL) Sidney Hewitt, 4280 SE 20th Pl., Apt. 40C, Cape Coral, FL 33904 (813) 549-0480
- 132nd Inf. Regt. Asan. WWII** (Aug-Oak Brook, IL) Clarence Galetti, 3610 St. Paul Ave., Bellwood, IL 60104 (312) 544-2035
- 137th Ord. Co. HMFA** (Oct-Ft. Leonard Wood, MO) Ernest Hodges, 2184 Twilley Cir. S.W., Marietta, GA 30060 (404) 433-1020
- 148th Ord. Co. MVA** (Oct-Clearwater Beach, FL) Reinhardt Defranz, 9548 120th Ln. No., Seminole, FL 33542 (813) 392-6096
- 149th Engr. Combat Bn.** (Aug-Kansas City, MO) Paul Tinoco, 627 Van Brunt Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64124 (816) 241-1413
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- 237th Combat Engr. Bn.** (Oct-Alcoa, TN) Vincent Powell, 257 Broadway, Passaic, NJ 07055 (201) 777-1545
- 243rd F.A. Bn.** (Oct-Daytona Beach, FL) James Henderson, 5415 Wedgewood Dr., Charlotte, NC 28210 (704) 523-5661
- 254th Ord. Co. (York, PA-1961-62)** (Sept-Dover, PA) Levere Smith, 319 Overbrook Dr., York, PA 17404 (717)

- 854-2266
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- 368th Engrs. WWII** (Sept-Springfield, MO) Alex Andreski, 460 Bostwick Ave., Janesville, WI 53545 (608) 754-9321
- 383rd Antl Tank Co.** (Sept-Bowling Green, KY) Clay Joiner, 928 1/2 Elm St., Bowling Green, KY 42101 (502) 842-3878
- 439th AAA Bn.** (Sept-Huntsville, AL) Charles Anderson, 1518 Monongalia Ave., Willmar, MN 56201 (612) 235-4865
- 478th AAA AW Bn. Assn.** (July-Allentown, PA) Henry Clayman, 3720 Brenbrook Dr., Randallstown, MD 21133 (301) 922-5861
- 488th Port Bn.** (Sept-Washington) S. D. Butterfield, 9804 Broad St., Bethesda, MD 20814 (301) 530-6121
- 504th AAA Gun Bn.** (Oct-Akron, OH) Myron Schmid, 1965 Fidler Rd., Medina, OH 44256 (216) 336-5816
- 512th Engrs.** (Sept-Madison, WI) John Witt, Box 861, Marshall, WI 53559 (608) 665-4219
- 518th MP Bn.** (Oct-New York City) Michael Weiner, 9-3 Pon View, East Patchogue, NY 11772 (516) 475-2859
- 532nd OB. Bn. Arty., 1st, 2nd OB. Bn. Arty. (Karlsruhe, Aschafensburg-1957-59)** (Sept-Milwaukee) Dick Baumgart, 208 W. Riverside Ave., Merrill, WI 54452 (715) 536-6821
- 566th HM Tk. Ord. Co.** (Sept-New Philadelphia, OH) Joseph Smith, 755 Miller Ave. NW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663 (216) 343-9005
- 674th SAW Co. (Spec)** (Aug-Plymouth, MI) Clyde Ham, 415 W. Vine, Toulon, IL 61483 (309) 286-2671
- 702nd Tank Bn. (Red Devils)** (Aug-Virginia Beach, VA) Henry Edquist, 509 58th St., Virginia Beach, VA 23451 (804) 422-5333
- 736th Tank Bn. WWII** (Sept-Columbus, OH) John Melaragno, 4472 Blythe Rd., Columbus, OH 43224 (614) 268-2260
- 751st Engr. Parts Supply Co. WWII** (Oct-Columbus, OH) Robert Galbraith, 1245 Marilyn Dr., Columbus, OH 43220 (614) 451-0690
- 759th Railway Oper Bn.** (Sept-Charleston, NC) Bill Fox, 5076 N. Barton Rd., No. Ridgeville, OH 44039 (216) 327-5896
- 771st Tank Bn.** (Sept.) Alex Nabewaniec, Deferiet, NY 13628 (315) 493-3748
- 775th F.A. (Sept-Terre Haute, IN) Ted Nicoson, 2921 S. 4th St., Terre Haute, IN 47802 (812) 234-0078**
- 840th Engrs. AVN Bn. WWII** (Aug-Windsor Locks, CT) Floyd Wells, 2906 Blossom St., Columbia, SC 29205 (803) 799-7616
- 842nd AVN Engr. Bn. WWII** (Sept-Moundsville, WV) Carl Harvath, 314 2nd St., Glendale, WA 26038
- 904th Signal Co., 2nd SAD** (Sept-Canton, OH) A. R. Balingier, 1019 E. Jardin St., Appleton, WI 54911
- 3507th Ord. MAM Co.** (Sept-Oak Lawn, IL) Valley Nitsche, 2828 W. 101st St., Evergreen Park, IL 60642 (312) 636-4216
- "A.E.F." Btrys., 218th F.A. Bn., 41st Div. WWII** (Sept-Geyersville, CA) Bob Boehm, 195 Westside Rd., Healdsburg, CA 95448 (707) 433-5534
- "B" Btry., 248th F.A. Bn., "E" Btry., 178th F.A. Bn.** (Aug-Marion, SC) Sam McLellan, Rt. 5, Box 3, Darlington, SC 29532 (803) 393-2673
- "B" Co., 278th Combat Engr.** (Oct-Myrtle, SC) Freedman Taylor, 19 Cedar Knoll, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405 (205) 553-7941
- "C" Btry., 226th AAA S/L Bn.** (Sept-Beaver Falls, PA) Anthony Marcucci, 725 E. Long Ave., New Castle, PA 16101 (412) 654-4310
- "C" Co., 819th Engr. AVN Bn.** (Oct-Louisville, KY) Joseph Graeter, 207 Bellemeade Rd., Lyndon, KY 40222 (502) 425-0181
- "D" Co., 410th Inf., 103rd Div.** (Sept-Myrtle Beach, SC) Goffrey Wolfe, G-5105 Van Slyke Rd., Flint, MI 48507
- "E" Co., 17th Arm'd Engr. Bn., 2nd Arm'd Div. WWII** (Oct-Orlando, FL) Ed Sammons, 2431 Grove Ridge Dr., Palm Harbor, FL 33563 (813) 785-3346
- "F" Btry., 252nd CA** (Nov-Myrtle Beach, SC) Graham Clark, Box 82, Raeford, NC 28376 (919) 875-3676
- "G" Co., 314th Inf., 79th Div.** (Sept-Nashville, TN) J. J. Witmeyer Jr., 633 Gordon Ave., Harahan, LA 70123 (504) 737-6729
- "HQ" Co., 29th Inf. Regt.** (Oct-Raleigh, NC) John Blumenschein, 749 Gridley St., Lancaster, PA 17601
- "HQ" 1921st Service Command** (Oct-Phoenix, AZ) John Mischlipis, Rt. 3, Box 206, Warrenton, MO 63383 (314) 456-8827

- "K" Co., 3rd Bn., HQ Co., 148th Inf., 37th Div.** (Sept-St. Marys, OH) Leo Rosenbeck, 501 W. Elizabeth St., Coldwater, OH 45828 (419) 678-3253
- "K" Co., 106th Inf., 27th Div.** (Aug-Tiptonville, TN) Charles Stewart, Box 130, Covington, TN 38019 (901) 476-0521
- "Service" Btry., 440th F.A. 7th Arm'd Div., Maint. Section** (Aug.) Melvin Stroup, Rt. 1, Box 6060, Grantville, PA 17028
- Carlisle Barracks Pioneers (Mil-Civ-through 1943)** (Oct-Carlisle, PA) Glorio Patsy, 1206 Harrisburg Pk., Carlisle, PA 17013 (717) 249-3193
- HQ FARTC, HQ 11th, 12th FA Trng. Regts. (Camp Roberts, WWII)** (Sept-Reno, NV) Joe Grcar, 1296 Dyanna Ct., Vista, CA 92083 (619) 941-2389
- U.S. Horse Cavalry Assn.** (Oct-Junction City, KS) Howard Palm, 7340 13th Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55423 (612) 866-5974

Navy

- 19th NCB** (Sept-Kiamasha Lake, NY) Herbert McCallen, 97 Lawr. Pk. Crescent, Bronxville, NY 10708 (914) 337-8044
- 28th Special NCB** (Oct-Bethlehem, PA) Jimmy Hopkins, Ashland Star Rt., Kiamath Falls, OR 97603 (503) 882-0897
- 33rd Seabee WWII** (Sept-Binghamton, NY) A. J. Sebesta, 7 Maria Manor, Apt. 4, Binghamton, NY 13903
- 37th Spec. NCB** (Sept-Owensboro, KY) Richard Hamilton, Rt. 5, Box 122, Bardstown, KY 40004 (502) 348-2522
- 62nd Seabees** (Sept-Peoria, IL) Wilber Blank, 524 E. Jefferson, Toulon, IL 61483
- 63rd NCB** (Sept-No. Little Rock, AR) J. C. Heffner, Box 88, Heber Springs, AR 72543 (501) 362-3076
- 68th NCB** (Oct-Winter Haven, FL) R. L. Saunders, 520 Park Ave., Auburndale, FL 33823 (813) 967-6374
- 114th NCB** (Oct-New Orleans) Paul Seemann, 251 Phosphor Ave., Metairie, LA 70005 (504) 835-1268
- Acorn 12** (Oct-Nashville, TN) H. Hardin, Rt. 1, Box 975 C11, Pensacola, FL 35207 (904) 492-2824
- AROU-1 (Las Vegas, Admiralty Islands)** (Oct-Kansas City, MO) Otto Herde, 2009 Blue Hills Rd., Manhattan, KS 66502 (913) 539-4070
- Black Cat Sq. VP-33** (Nov-San Diego) Floyd Reck, 1144 Alameda Blvd., Coronado, CA 92118 (619) 435-1911
- C.A.S.U. 3 WWII** (Oct-Hot Springs, AR) J. M. Johns, 12922 S. 123rd E. Ave., Broken Arrow, OK 74011 (918) 369-5467
- CBMU 543** (Oct-Boston) George Radcliffe, 6232 Belle Plaine Ave., Chicago, IL 60634 (312) 685-5309
- Lion Four** (Sept-Chicago) Ruben Stahl, 1621 Illinois SW, Huron, SD 57350 (605) 352-2665
- LST Flotilla 1, Grp. 3** (LST 1,3,4,197,326,157,158, 351,352,372,373) (Sept-Williamsport, PA) Ed McDade, 42-02 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, NY 11355
- Morehead City Section Base** (Oct-Atlantic Beach, NC) Alfred Jones, Rt. 1, Box 118, Bayboro, NC 28515 (919) 745-3783
- Naval Minewarfare Assn.** (Sept-Nashville, TN) Herb Stettler, 3604 Greenleaf Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95401 (707) 545-8626
- Navy Firefighters** (Sept-Pittsburgh) Evan Ellison, 328 Sweetbriar St., Pittsburgh, PA 15211 (412) 381-0578
- Torpedo Sq. 1, USS Yorktown** (Oct-San Diego) Marvin Lieberman, 765 E. Doran, Glendale, CA 91206 (818) 247-4497
- US Navy Armed Guards WWII** (Sept-San Francisco) Richard Langenderfer, 2601 Wyndale Rd., Toledo, OH 43613 (419) 475-5400
- US Navy Band 13** (Aug-Hammondsport, NY) Donald Etter, 433 W. Lake Rd., Hammondsport, NY 14840 (607) 868-4608
- VC-7 Sq. (1943-45)** (Sept-San Diego) G. C. Bandy, Box 944, Delta Junction, AK 99737 (907) 895-4536
- VO-VCS/VN-14** (Oct-Orange Park, FL) L. J. Wagner, 12939 Indian River Dr., Lot 10, Sebastian, FL 32958 (305) 589-9509
- VP/VPB-135** (Sept-Whidbey Island, WA) Silvyn Pribyl, 1540 Bigelow Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060 (507) 451-1183
- VPB-27** (Sept-Dallas) Edgar Francis, Box 731, Odessa, TX 79760 (915) 366-7980
- VPB-133** (Oct-Cherry Hill, NJ) Bob Oley, 720 16th St., New Cumberland, PA 17070 (717) 774-2505
- VT-34 (USS Monterey CVL-26)** (Aug-Belleuve, OH) H. A. Winter, 2233 Tomahawk Trace, Murfreesboro, TN 37130
- USS American Legion APA 17** (Sept-Las Vegas, NV) John Zuella, 7434 10th St. No., St. Petersburg, FL

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USS Antietam CVS 36 (Sept-St. Louis) James Brown, Rt. 1, Box 58D, Middletown, IN 47356 (317) 354-2491
USS Appelechi GCI (Sept-Reno, NV) Basil Blodgett, Rt. 1, Box 216, Mt. Vernon, OR 97865 (503) 932-4915
USS Arizona Asen. (Dec-Tucson, AZ) H. F. Zobel, 4044 Loma Riviera Cir., San Diego, CA 92110 (619) 222-7758
USS Baltimore Asen. (Aug-Baltimore) Earl Harding, 187 Clever Rd., McKees Rocks, PA 15136 (412) 787-1119
USS Beron DE 166 (Aug-Orlando, FL) Henry Pacheco, 69 Fox Hill Ave., Bristol, RI 02809
USS Beele DD/DDE 471 (Aug-Tulsa, OK) Tuxa Ballard, Rt. 2, Box 393, Collinsville, OK 74021 (918) 371-4429
USS Bonerfish SS 223 (Aug-Portland, OR) Monk Moynahan, 5530 Del Rey Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80918
USS Butler DD 636 WWII (Nov-Owego, NY) Harold Bruce, Rt. 1, Box 242, Owego, NY 13827 (607) 748-3888
USS Ceptivete AM 156 (Aug-Downers Grove, IL) H. W. McPherson, 5732 S. Washington St., Downers Grove, IL 60516 (312) 968-3530
USS Christopher DE 100 WWII (Oct-Charlotte, NC) Jack Hughes, Rt. 4, Box 482, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 (704) 739-6269
USS Cincinnati (Sept-Asheville, NC) Barak Poupard, 5273 Turner Smith Rd., McLeansville, NC 27301 (919) 656-3362
USS Copehee CVE 12 (Sept-Albuquerque, NM) John Pittsford, Rt. 2, Box 147, Farmland, IN 47340 (317) 468-6991
USS Creon ARL 11 (Sept-Pittsburgh) Sam Gatts, 3 Starr Rd., Aliquippa, PA 15001 (412) 457-7446
USS Curtlee AV 4 (Sept-Reno, NV) Frank Pavlu, 682 Medford St., El Cajon, CA 92020 (619) 422-4026
USS Duffy DE 27 (Aug-Orlando, FL) James Odell, 109 Beech Hill Rd., Mont Vernon, NH 03057 (603) 654-2850
USS Fenning DD 365 (Sept-Bakersfield, CA) Fred Winger, 712 Hewlett St., Bakersfield, CA 93309 (805) 323-7013
USS Fletcher DD/DDE 445 (Oct-Alexandria, VA) James Shankster, 1036 Hampton Rd., Harrah, OK 73045 (405) 454-2803
USS Florence Nightingale AP 70 (Sept-Norfolk, VA) Stan Newland, 2202 Hortense Ave., Seaford, NY 11783 (516) 221-0818
USS Foote DD 511 (Oct-Rochelle Park, NJ) Sal Castellano, Box 136, Bayonne, NJ 07002-0136 (201) 858-3693
USS Fox DD 234 (Aug-Madison, WI) William Penewell, 5001 Midmoor Rd., Madison, WI 53716 (608) 222-1851
USS Fryberger DE 705 (Sept-Myrtle Beach, SC) Alex Boyd, 5107 Bryce Ln., Richmond, VA 23224 (804) 233-0581
USS Guerdle SS 217 (Aug-Portland, OR) Jack Howard, 1718 Vernier Ave., Concord, CA 94519 (415) 682-7870
USS Guest DD 472 (Oct-Baton Rouge, LA) Henry Hernandez, 1216 Aris Ave., Metairie, LA 70005 (504) 733-6790
USS Hale DD 642 (Aug-Monroeville, PA) John Matousch, 717E Greenman Rd., Haddonfield, NJ 08033 (609) 429-1007
USS Hemmen/Genesvoort DD 412/DD 408 (Sept-Las Vegas, NV) Wilbur Daley, 701 S. Hall, #6, Algona, IA 50511 (515) 295-2688
USS Hancock CV/CVA 19 (Sept-Chicago) Charles Boyst, 1801 W. Bend Ct., Clemmons, NC 27012 (919) 945-9264
USS Helm DD 388 (Oct-Kissimmee, FL) Thomas Reilly, 412 E. Grand Ave., Rahway, NJ 07065 (201) 382-0481
USS Herndon APD 121 WWII (Sept-Gaffney, SC) George Dunman, 537 Austine St., Norfolk, VA 23503 (804) 588-5350
USS Holder DDE 819 (Sept-Myrtle Beach, SC) Harry Hook, 132 Brookhill Rd., Newtown Square, PA 19073 (215) 356-2126
USS Hiesem DE/DER 400 (Oct.) Leonard Lusebrink, 1809 Morris Ave., No. Huntingdon, PA 15642 (412) 863-3505
USS Honolulu CL 48 (Oct-Orange Park, FL) Ralph Hutchinson, 8430 Old Orange Park Rd., Orange Park, FL 32073 (904) 264-9356
USS Houston Asen. CA 30/CL 81 (Sept-Mobile, AL) H. M. Shafman, 921 Florence Ave., Galesburg, IL 61401
USS Hull DD 350 (Sept-Las Vegas, NV) M. D. Hoffman, 2305 C. Court., Enid, OK 73703 (405) 237-5593
USS Hydeck AF 28 (Oct-Atlantic City, NJ) Michael Vuono, 317 Glen Oak Dr., Toms River, NJ 08753 (201) 270-8356
USS Independence CVL 22 (Sept-Omaha, NE) Bob Spinharney, 10511 "O" St., Omaha, NE 68127 (402) 331-3259
USS John C. Butler DE 339 (Oct-Nashville, TN) Chester Skoczen, 326 Chestnut St., No. Syracuse, NY 13212 (315) 458-4395

USS LCS (L) (3) 121 (Sept-Cleveland, TN) Harold Harris, Box 3471, Cleveland, TN 37311 (615) 479-2078
USS LST 312 (Sept-Virginia Beach, VA) Vincent Gagliardi, 9506D 3rd Bay, Norfolk, VA 23518 (804) 587-0752
USS LST 380 (Oct-Berkeley Springs, WV) Ralph Branca, 2934 Pikes Ave., Akron, OH 44314 (216) 753-8920
USS LST 669 (Oct.) Vance Huntzinger, 2815 N. "C" St., Elwood, IN 46036 (317) 552-6731
USS LST 1016 WWII (July-Sheridan, WY) Ben Favero, 802 Gladstone St., Sheridan, WY 82801 (307) 672-2961
USS Metegorda (Oct-Myrtle Beach, SC) C. E. Smith, Box 536, Greenville, SC 29602 (803) 235-3821
USS Metcalf DD 595 (Oct-Hampton, VA) John Chittum, 350 S. Walnut St., Huntington, WV 25705 (304) 523-6963
USS Miesoule APA 211 (Nov-Pittsburgh) Harry Fox, 321 Glade Park E., Kittanning, PA 16201 (412) 545-2335
USS O'Bannon DD 450 (Sept-San Diego) Roger Aerni, 8230 Margaret Ln., Montgomery, OH 45242 (513) 791-3459
USS Pitteburgh Asen. (Nov-Groton, CT) J. C. Ayers, Box CA72, Wildwood, GA 30757 (404) 820-1601
USS Preston DD 379 (Survivors-1942) (Oct-Rogers, AR) Ed Kirchberg, Rt. 6, Box 288, Springdale, AR 72764 (501) 751-5904
USS Quincy (Sept-San Diego) Albert Levesque, 46 Foster St., Pawtucket, RI 02861 (401) 728-3063
USS Register APD 92 (Oct-Indianapolis) Charles Troup, 2521 N. Lake Mitchell Dr., Cadillac, MI 49601 (616) 775-2580
USS Sen Francisco CA 38 (Sept-Arlington, TX) Ed Wittler, 2949 Flannery Rd., San Pable, CA 94806 (415) 222-2187
USS Sente Fe CL 60 (Aug-Sante Fe, NM) Dr. G. Trimm, 133 W. 18th St., Lake Charles, LA 70601 (318) 477-0755
USS Serotoge Club (Sept-San Diego) P. R. Tonelli, 6382 Cantiles Ave., Cypress, CA 90630
USS Sennett SS 408 (Aug-Portland, OR) Bob Wiley, Box 851, Tavernier, FL 33070
USS Sibley APA 206 (Oct-Lake Havasu City, AZ) Cliff McKie, 3725 Old Waynesboro Rd., Augusta, GA 30906 (404) 798-1589
USS Spikefish SS 404 (Aug-Portland, OR) Jim Green, Box 202, Wales, WI 53183 (414) 968-2146
USS Stack DD 406 (Sept-Houston) W. W. Price Jr., 313 Sussex Ct., Wilmington, NC 28405 (919) 686-0052
USS Sterlet SS 392 (Aug-Portland, OR) Robert Barker, Box 1112, Watford City, ND 58854 (701) 842-3737
USS Telemece AF 15 (Oct-Dallas) Owen Scott, 1705 Jocyile, Arlington, TX 76010 (817) 275-7443
USS Thornhill DE 195 (Sept-Tannersville, PA) Henry Cetkowski, Box 531, Rt. 2, Titusville, NJ 08560 (609) 737-1727
USS Walton DE 361 (Aug-Orlando, FL) George Duquette, Rt. 8, Box 288, Burlington, NC 27215
USS Zeller DE 777 (Sept-Baltimore) Marion Krawczyk, 3489 Dunhaven Rd., Dundalk, MD 21222 (301) 288-3278

Air Force

7th Combat Cargo Sq., 2nd CC Grp. (Oct-Orlando, FL) Curtis Krogh, 601 Indiana St., Racine, WI 53405 (414) 633-4373
7th Photo Grp., 8th A.F. WWII (Oct-Wichita, KS) Claude Murray, 1933 E. Marshall, Phoenix, AZ 85016 (602) 274-5871
15th Tac. Recon. Sq. (Sept-Florida) Harold Robertson, 30 E. Fairview St., Piedmont, WV 26750 (304) 355-2628
17th Bomb Grp. Aeen. (Sept-Chattanooga, TN) W. D. Baird, 6776 E. Northwest Hwy., Dallas, TX 75231 (214) 348-9124
43rd Bomb Grp. Aeen. (Sept-Omaha, NE) Lloyd Boren, 102 Beechwood, Universal City, TX 78148 (512) 658-5978
307th Ftr. Sq. WWII (Oct-Buffalo, NY) Marion Cyran, 297 Glencove Rd., Kenmore, NY 14223 (716) 877-7557
325th Ftr. Grp. WWII (Checkertell Cien) (Sept.) Dan Penrod, 69 Keswick Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15202 (412) 766-6190
333rd/44th FIS, 7th A.F. WWII (Oct-Madison, WI) Lyle Grover, Rt. 2, Richland Center, WI 53581 (608) 585-2424
364th Ftr. Grp. WWII (Oct-San Diego) Dan Leftwich, 6630 Caldero Ct., Dayton, OH 45415 (513) 890-3641
390th Bomb Grp. (H) (Oct-Long Beach, CA) John Quinn, 5257 Woodmere Fairway, Scottsdale, AZ 85253 (602) 990-0925
483rd Bomb Grp. (H) Aeen. (Sept-Albuquerque, NM) M. L. Hottman, 1414 Sherri Ln., Rt. 4, Ft. Dodge, IA 50501 (515) 955-3428
485th Bomb Grp. (Oct-Brownsville, TX) E. L. Bundy, 5773 Middlefield Dr., Columbus, OH 43220 (614) 451-4589
526th FBS (Newberg-Lendstahl, Germany 1950-55) (Oct-Myrtle Beach, SC) Thomas Mitchell, 2800 Willoughby Rd., Baltimore, MD 21234 (301) 668-6837
Air Corps BTC 7 (Atlantic City, Trelnees & Cadre) (Oct-Atlantic City, NJ) John Mazzafer, 913 Alberta Dr., W. Milflin, PA 15122 (412) 466-8325
Air Force Photo Mapping Aeen. (Sept-Dayton, OH) Roman Contos, 201 Orinoco St., Dayton, OH 45431 (513) 256-3387
Techikawa Air Base, Japen Personnel (1950-70) (Sept-St. Louis) Byrne Whalen, 6231 Rosebury Dr., St. Louis, MO 63105 (314) 725-1691
Metro Airport Ftr. Sq. (Ven Nuys, CA-WWII) (Sept.) Ed Seitz, 4300 Old Dom. Dr. #515, Arlington, VA 22207 (703) 525-9226
Roewell Army Air Field/Welker A.F. Base Assn. (Sept-Roswell, NM) RAAF/WAFB Assn., Box 8092, Linda Vista Sta., Roswell, NM 88201
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Army Air Forces

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2nd Air Commando Grp., 1st, 3rd A.C. Groups WWII (Nov-Osage Beach, MO) Robert Eason, Rt. 1, Box 28, Orange, VA 22960 (705) 672-4074
7th Ferry Grp. (Northern Pilot Pool-WWII) (Sept-Great Falls, MT) C. D. Markle, Drawer 71, Glasgow, MT 59230 (406) 228-4819
27th Bomb Grp. (L) (Oct-Ft. Worth, TX) Charles Cook, 3822 Cumberland Way, Lithonia, GA 30058 (404) 981-3945
29th, 48th, 49th TC Sqdns., 313th Troop Carrier Grp. ETO (Oct-Charleston, SC) Damron Owen, 4616 Tuc-kaseegee Rd., Charlotte, NC 28208 (704) 392-9452
32nd Altitude Trng. Unit WWII (Oct-Las Vegas, NV) Daniel Scanlon, 433 N. 22nd St., Las Vegas, NV 89101 (702) 382-6415
46th Air Serv. Sq., 34th Air Base Grp. (Sept-Everett, WA) Donald Borders, Box 223, Marysville, WA 98270 (206) 659-3289
46th Service Grp. HQ Sq. (Sept-Montpelier, OH) Selwyn Clark, Rt. 3, Montpelier, OH 43543 (419) 485-4905
64th Troop Carrier Grp. (Cerny'e) (Sept-Ft. Worth, TX) Del Zahniser, 2821 University Blvd., Dallas, TX 75205 (214) 361-7357
56th T.C. Sq., 375th T.C. Grp. WWII (Oct-Colorado Springs, CO) Erwin Walter, 977 Cardiff Dr., Crystal Lake, IL 60014 (815) 459-3097
88th Bomb Grp., 316th, 317th, 318th, 399th Sqdne. (Aug-Denver) Leonard Young, 8534 Highcrest Dr., Houston, TX 77055 (713) 465-3854
90th Bomb Grp. (H) (Jolly Rogers) (Nov-San Antonio, TX) Tom Keyworth, 38 Crestlyn Dr. E., York, PA 17402 (717) 741-3998
91st T.C. Sq., 439th T.C. Grp. (Sept-Dayton, OH) Milton Dank, 1022 Serpentine Ln., Wyncote, PA 19095 (215) 887-2014
357th Ftr. Grp. (Sept-San Antonio, TX) Frank Gailer Jr., 6011 Woodwick Dr., San Antonio, TX 78239 (512) 598-2320
368th Ftr. Grp. WWII (Oct-Washington) Stan Johnson, 1131 Elizabeth St. DeKalb, IL 60115 (815) 758-8579
376th Bomb Grp. (Oct-San Antonio, TX) John Brock, 507 W. Silver Sands, San Antonio, TX 78216 (512) 342-5319
398th Bomb Grp. (July-Seattle) George Hilliard, 7841 Quartermaine Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45236 (513) 891-8533
453rd Bomb Grp. WWII (Old Buckenham, Eng.) (Sept.) Donald Olds, 1403 Highland, Rolla, MO 65401 (314) 364-5817
463rd Bomb Grp. (H) B-17, 5th Wing, 15th A.F. (Foggie, Italy-1944-45) (July-Seattle) Howard Green, 602 Eunice St., Sequim, WA 98382 (206) 683-6833
504th Bomb Grp. (VH), 313th Wing, 20th A.F. (Sept-Minneapolis) Art Tomes, 2409 Oakwood Dr., Burnsville, MN 55337 (612) 435-5406
Lee Vegas Flexible Gunnery Sch. WWII (Nov-Las Vegas, NV) J. C. Wright, The Atrium, 333 Rancho Rd., Ste. 888, Las Vegas, NV 89106 (702) 646-0888
Sig. HQ & HQ Co., 13th Ftr. Command (Sept-Portland, OR) Richard Steager, 4261 Summit Dr., Hood River, OR 97031 (503) 354-1468

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Coast Guard Aviation & Support Personnel (Sept-Moffet Field, CA) Bob Haley, 317 Jesse Ave., Roseville, CA 95678 (916) 782-7509
US Coast Guard AKA 93 WWII (Sept-Gurnee, IL) Frank Calderone, 3878 Dorchester, Gurnee, IL 60031 (312) 336-5564
USCG C Tiger (Hawaii Sea Frontier-1941-43) (Sept.) James Elliott, 6810 183rd St., Tinley Park, IL 60477 (312) 532-4571
USS Allantown PF 52 & Escort Div. 33 (Sept-Galveston, TX) Mark Crumpler, 5647 Winding Creek, Houston, TX 77017 (713) 946-9227

Marines

2nd Defense AA Bn. (Oct-New York City) Larry Obenhuber, 21 Curtis Dr., Lincoln Park, NJ 07035 (201) 696-5914
2nd Marine Div., 2nd Engr. Bn., Mapping Plt. (Korea) (Oct-Wilmington, NC) Leonard Kostecki, 256 Chambers Rd., St. Louis, MO 63137 (314) 868-4500
4th Marine Amph. Trac. Bn. (Aug-Kansas City, MO) John Benedict, 26741 N. Shore Dr. Beloit, OH 44609 (216) 525-7401
16th Field Depot (Peiellu-1945) (Sept-Colorado Springs, CO) Daniel Starck, 1320 Meadow Ln., Deerfield, IL 60015 (312) 945-9494
Marine Air Warning Sq. 7 (MAWS/MGCIS/MACS 7) (Oct-Savannah, GA) Don deChambeau, 1721 S. 9th Ave., St. Cloud, MN 56301 (612) 252-9180
Marine Bomb Sq. VMB 613 (Sept-Cincinnati) Robert Cherry, 1041 S. Oakwood, Geneseo, IL 61254 (309) 944-6444
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Post 152, Whitebird, Idaho

Racing To Get Things Done

WHAT can a new American Legion post do to make a difference in a small town in an economically depressed area? Plenty, if Post 152 of Whitebird, Idaho, is any example.

Chartered only a year ago, the post in April sponsored an international jet boat race that attracted 14,000 participants and spectators. The race was designed to attract tourists and their much-needed dollars to northcentral Idaho.

Idaho Gov. John V. Evans, a Legionnaire himself, said post members "demonstrated how successful a small but dedicated group can be when it makes a commitment to address the economic needs of its own community.

"The energy and enthusiasm with which post members discovered ways to attract more tourists to north central Idaho is an inspiration to all of us," Evans said. "We have many wonderful natural resources in Idaho, but the greatest resource of all is our hardworking, ambitious and innovative people."

It took a combination of hard work and innovation to organize and coordinate the race, which drew 15 American and Canadian jet boats that raced against the clock along a 34-mile stretch of the rugged Salmon River during the two-day event. Post Cmdr. Earl Hughes said his Legionnaires wanted the race to generate revenue for local business and it did. Hughes said the post will consider making the race an annual event.

The race was only one of many activities successfully completed by post Legionnaires since it was activated by its 15 charter members.

While Whitebird has a population of 120, the enthusiastic recruiting of the Legionnaires has swelled the post's ranks to 140 by drawing in members who live in the rugged, sparsely populated hills surrounding the town.

Dept. Cmdr. Michael G. Schow, Greenacres, Wash., praised post members for the race, their membership recruiting and for their involvement in the community.

"They're not afraid to ask for help from people outside the organization," Schow said. "They're having an impact on the community and the surrounding counties. It rubs off on those around them. Everyone is aware of what they are doing."

One example of the post's imaginative, resourceful approach to local problems is the new bridge over Whitebird Creek.

The post leased 3.2 acres across the creek from town, but without a bridge, the land could not be used. Members convinced Union Pacific Railroad to donate a railroad car, deliver it by rail to Grangeville, and remove the wheels.

Legionnaires then used a truck to haul the 42,000-lb. car down into the Whitebird canyon where members who are loggers used their loaders and a winch to place the structure on abutments. Presto! A railroad car became a bridge.

Post members during race weekend festivities presented a plaque to a UPRR executive to thank the railroad for donating the town's "bridge."

Now that the land is accessible, it is used for Legion-sponsored socials that bring together the farmers, ranchers, loggers and forest service workers who live in the area. It also is the site for turkey shoots and will include trap-shooting in the future.

In addition to the bridge, flags are another visible difference post Legionnaires have made in the community. They installed a flag pole in the cemetery shortly after the post was activated. They also provided a flag and pole for the city park.

Post members also encouraged the owners of a roadside cafe, located on a promontory near town, to install a flag. The 9-foot by 12-foot flag, visible for miles, was dedicated when the district convention met at the cafe in March. As one Legionnaire who visited the area described it, "The flags are everywhere!"

H. Melvin Napier, department adjutant, considers the post an inspiration because the members demonstrate a good attitude despite the adversities brought on by declines in agriculture and forestry, and the misfortune of being by-passed by the main highway through the area.

"What inspired me the most," said Napier, "is that such a small community had people from other areas all working together (for the jet boat race weekend). It was the old traditional way we did things, everyone working together.

"They are showing an example of what can be done by doing it. You don't have to be a big post or be in existence for years to do something creative," Napier said. □



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College Costs Will Rise

6 percent to 9 percent this fall for tuition, room and board, elevating the larger private institutions into the \$15,000-a-year class. Behind the hikes—which are likely to continue in coming years—are salary increases for faculty and purchases of new equipment, mainly computers.

Lumber Prices Will Remain Low

this summer—a break for builders and do-it-yourselfers. Costs are down because U.S. mills have been overproducing while imports from Canada have been increasing. This favorable price situation applies only to building materials. Some of the higher grades of wood—mahogany, for example—remain expensive.

A Flood of Comet Souvenirs

is hitting the market as Halley's wonder approaches the Earth. Much of the merchandise is inexpensive trivia, but you'll also find a boom in telescopes. Beware of these unless you know how to use them—they can be tricky and expensive.

Advice for the average person: You can make naked-eye observations from December of this year through May of next, especially from a viewing spot totally free of air and light pollution.

Insurers Are Offering Incentives

to holders of older life insurance policies if they will reduce, or quit, borrowing against them. Policies written years ago let owners borrow at rates as low as 5 percent.

To stop these bargain-basement transactions, many life insurers now will raise dividends appreciably for those policy holders who agree to cut down, or stop, borrowing. If your insurer makes you such an offer, look it over carefully; it may pay you to accept. Meantime, newer life insurance policies no longer enable you to borrow below the market.

A Serious Shortage of Teachers

in elementary and secondary schools is in the making, mainly because of low salaries, an increase in retirement, and early abandonment of teaching careers for better-paying professions. Your school system soon might have to choose between higher salaries or lower standards for teachers.

Sales of CD Systems Are Booming

much to the surprise of the electronics industry, which originally had them pegged as high-brow toys. "CD" systems are the 7.4-inch "compact discs" on which sound has been recorded digitally for reproduction via laser-beam players. "CDs" are of superior quality and durability and do not produce background noise. Behind the current sales flurry are rapidly declining prices of players—down to as low as \$300—and availability of more recordings.

By Edgar A. Grunwald

CHINA

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one of the world's largest economies."

Although materially poor by western standards, the total Chinese economy is large enough to "generate significant quantities of resources critical to the exercise of power in relation to the external world," Pollack said.

What the PRC most needs and wants from the United States and other developed nations is technology. In 1983 Washington upgraded China's trade status, so that more high-technology trade could be conducted. (When it comes to communist governments, trade in computers and other devices that might have military applications are closely monitored and limited by the U.S. government.)

China also is trying to draw more western technology with "special economic zones," areas in which foreign investment and ideas can be established with surprising freedom. Four zones already have been established and there have been plans to start 14 more. Chinese who have been blessed to live and work in these zones frequently earn more in a month than do the vast majority in a year.

Such zones certainly lure western investment, but the prospects for most companies in China are similar to that of carnival goers: The man running the game lets one or two players win the big stuffed animals just to keep others spending and losing.

"Quite a few U.S. businessmen have grown disillusioned with the Chinese bureaucracy," said Myers, "and frustrated with how difficult it is to do business. Yet while the euphoria has largely disappeared, there is always another sucker coming along who thinks he'll get a deal." However, there's simply not enough disposable income in China yet for it to be a large market for any consumer product. The main Chinese strategy is to buy or copy specific products and produce them internally.

Nevertheless, many China experts consider American and PRC economic ties to be the most crucial link between the two countries. Nixon said that stronger economic ties are more important than stronger military ties. "China cannot become stronger militarily unless it becomes stronger economically," he said. "A weak China invites aggression."

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MILITARY

A strong China, Nixon wrote, "will be a problem for the Soviet Union long before it will be a concern for us. We have more to fear from a China that is too weak than one that is too strong."

How weak is the PRC? "The evidence from the bloody nose it received trying to fight Vietnam in 1979 indicates that it's not too strong," said Myers. "For years politics kept China's military on the back burner, and when the army tried to fight against its neighbor, it got clobbered. The main problem apparently was a lack of reliable communication equipment."

"THE MAN RUNNING THE GAME LETS ONE OR TWO PLAYERS WIN."

With four million men the People's Liberation Army is the largest in the world. But it still is in the "rice and rifle" age.

The navy is primarily a coastal fleet, lacking air cover and supply ships vital to fighting at sea; the air force puts aging and outmoded birds in the sky. A Rand Corp. study estimated the PRC would have to spend between \$42 billion and \$63 billion to develop a force to counter potential Soviet aggression, capital it simply does not have.

So far the PRC has shown little interest in purchasing even limited supplies of advanced U.S. weaponry. According to Myers, basic radar and communications systems are primary shopping list items. "Within 10 years, though," he said, "you'll see a major change in Chinese military capabilities."

FOREIGN POLICY

While Nixon envisions a strong China as a benign force, if not a U.S. asset in helping to contain Soviet expansionism, Ramon Myers is not so trusting. "China certainly isn't a threat right now," he said, "and it

won't be for the next few years. But in the 1990s the People's Republic could have a *tremendous effect* on our national interests in that it could throw its weight all around Asia, applying political pressure on Japan, Korea and Taiwan. There's a real possibility, I think, of a crisis over Taiwan by the end of this decade."

For now, China has been adept at positioning itself between various national interests.

Indeed, in the *Outlook* article on Chinese foreign policy, the PRC made it clear that it would speak out not only for itself, but frequently for the Third World as well. During one week last August, there apparently was a thaw in Sino-Soviet relations with tentative discussions about boosting trade between the two nations and talk of Soviet help in renovating factories built with Soviet assistance in the 1950s.

At the same time, during a visit to China by U.S. Secretary of the Navy John F. Lehman, the PRC seemed ready to allow port calls by U.S. naval vessels for the first time since 1949.

Playing both sides of the street apparently is winning friends for China. It has dealt with Pakistan without angering India, had relations with the Palestinian Liberation Organization and yet worked closely with moderate Persian Gulf states.

Its tentative agreement with the United Kingdom to allow Hong Kong to remain fairly independent—the colony will be a special administrative region, remain a separate customs territory, make its own laws, decide trade policy and manage its own financial affairs—smacks of enlightened fairness. Or, at least, it keeps open the vital door to the outside world. Pragmatism, any way one looks at it.

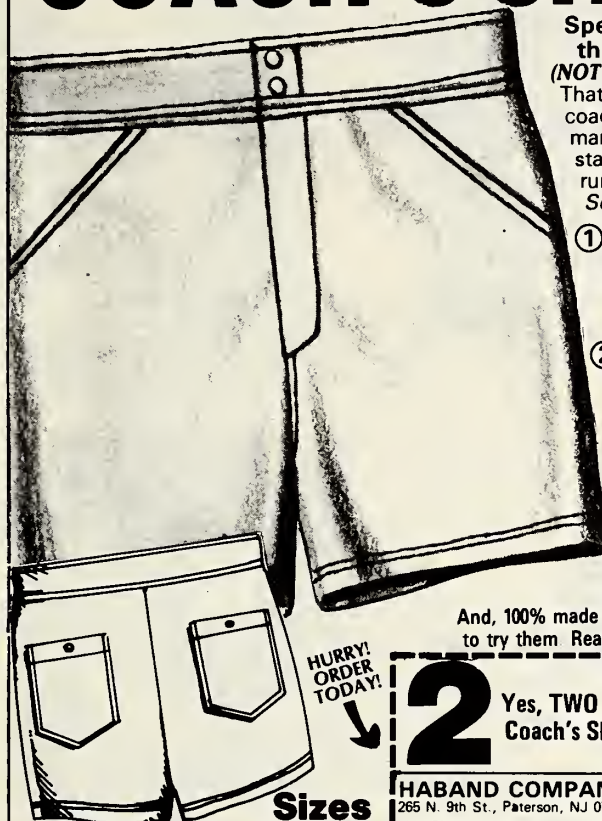
So, what is the truth about China? Is it a major superpower, or just an awkward, backward giant?

Of all its assets and abilities, perhaps the most notable thing about the People's Republic of China is its ability to project and develop *perceptions*, which in the world of international relations often comes to mean as much as reality.

For more than 2,500 years the Middle Kingdom has been consistently inconsistent, an almost perpetual puzzle. Twice before in the last century has China opened its doors to modern ideas and western technology. Both times the portals quickly closed.

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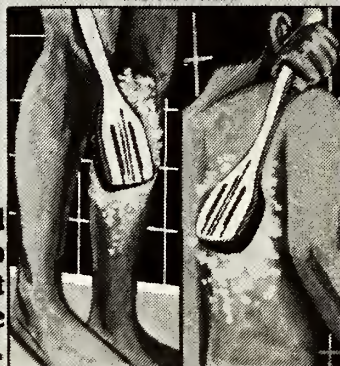
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Trojanowicz noted that, aside from one injury to a foot-patrol officer early in Flint's program, there is no record of duty-related injuries increasing under foot-beat programs; in fact, Boston reported duty-related injuries actually decreased in number after its foot-patrol program expanded.

"We found that foot officers felt safer in their areas than motorized officers did in the same neighborhoods," Trojanowicz said. "Foot officers feel they're a part of the community and that people will come to their aid if they need them. Cruiser officers felt separated from the public and that the public was most often antagonistic toward them."

Boston's police remain unconvinced, however. Their union included the issue of foot patrol as a major issue in a contract-related lawsuit filed in 1983, citing incidents of injury to officers patrolling alone.

Robert McFadden, Flint's deputy police chief, is sympathetic to their worries but sides with Trojanowicz.

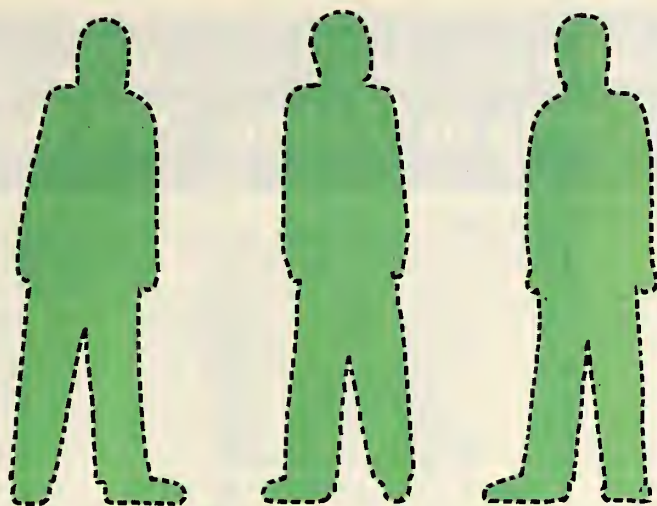
"We've had cases in which neighborhood people have helped make arrests," he said. "A female foot officer had her hands full and people came up to help her hold onto the guys until her backup car arrived."

Echoes Shuker: "I had a couple of bars in my area that used to have problems at night with rowdies. There was never a doubt in my mind that if I ever got into a tight spot in one of those bars, I'd have had all the help I needed right there."

He, too, knows the other officers' occupational fears.

"Cops get cynical because they're always seeing crime, always dealing with people in hostile situations. In foot patrol, people see you more as a confidant and a friend. It changes your image of yourself. You're not the bad guy or the outsider any more." He recalled his own days on the beat when a local park used to be hastily deserted by dusk.

"After I'd been there several months, there'd be people walking their dogs at night, joggers, kids on the swingsets. Little kids would ask me if I wanted to look for bunnies with them. That in itself tells me I accomplished a lot. I gave the people the feeling that their neighborhood was safe to live in again."



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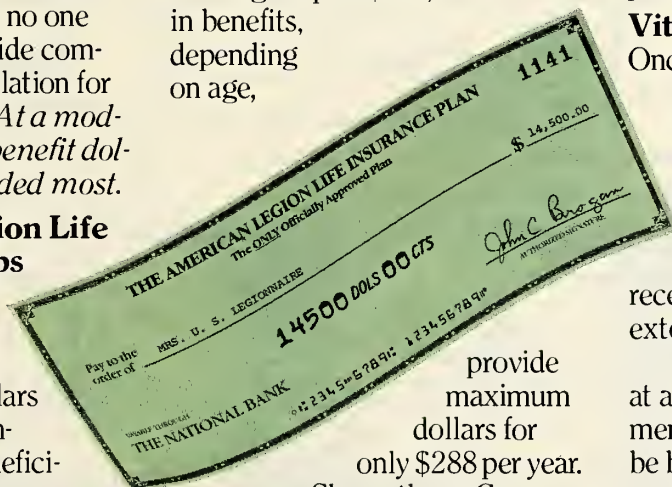
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When a disaster outstrips the ability of regional authorities to cope with it—or when the discussion turns to the ultimate national disaster—the responsibility falls to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Founded in 1979, FEMA

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“Every time the President declares a major disaster, FEMA coordinates the recovery program,” said Russ Clanahan, FEMA's chief public information officer. “We are the prime factor in emergency housing, individual assistance grants and farmers' home loans. We also work in conjunction with other agencies such as the Small Business Administration and the Internal Revenue Service.”

At FEMA's behest, Clanahan said, the SBA can provide on-the-spot, low-cost financing, “while IRS does retroactive casualty losses to give people instant tax relief.”

FEMA also underwrites flood insurance in areas where such insurance otherwise would be unattainable; there are about two million such policies in effect. FEMA also works closely with the U.S. Fire Administration and National Fire Academy in advancing new methods of fire prevention and arson investigation.

“We provide a smorgasbord of disaster services,” said Clanahan.

Louis O. Giuffrida, FEMA director, said he believes that, as a result of FEMA's activities in all areas, the nation is now better equipped to handle major natural emergencies than at any

point in its history. Indeed, FEMA has done exceptional work in recent times, notably in California in 1983 when a stormy winter was followed by the Coalinga earthquake in May and then flash floods in September.

Still, critics argue that FEMA often arrives on the scene too late—if at all. The agency swings into action only after the President has personally approved a state governor's request for a disaster declaration. Fully half of such requests are denied. Others worry that the agency is biased too much toward recovery and too little toward prevention. FEMA spokesmen dispute this, citing the agency's Integrated Emergency Management System (IEMS), the sweeping plan to cut casualties in the event of an anticipated major disaster.

For many, however, IEMS is a sore point, not a panacea. It is seen as just a reincarnation of FEMA's controversial Crisis Relocation Plan, announced to broad skepticism during the middle of President Reagan's first term.

The plan called for the emergency evacuation of almost 400 "high risk" target areas in circumstances which indicate a strong likelihood of a Soviet nuclear strike. Urban experts insisted that Crisis Relocation was unworkable; millions of people could not possibly be moved safely in the short amount of time preceding a nuclear attack. Critics argued that, as temperatures in the wake of a nuclear blitz soared to 1,400 degrees, FEMA's thousands of relocation centers would become instant "crematoria."

The plan even drew its share of criticism from the military sector.

"If you want to evacuate the cities," retired Vice Adm. Noel Gaylor told *U.S. News & World Report*, "I'll target the evacuation areas," Gaylor said, explaining that the enemy would probably switch its targets of attack.

Other critics cited FEMA's silence about how survivors might overcome the problem of returning to cities that had been demolished or hopelessly contaminated.

"If the evacuation itself works," said Jeremy Stone of the Federation of American Scientists, "you're still not preventing death. You're just deferring it for a short period of time."

Giuffrida held firm that the plan would "double the number of Americans who would survive a major Soviet attack on the United States."

Today, administration spokesmen prefer to downplay Crisis Relocation's significance in the FEMA master plan; the phrase itself was dropped altogether in the aftermath of the public furor. But the plan remains on the books, now

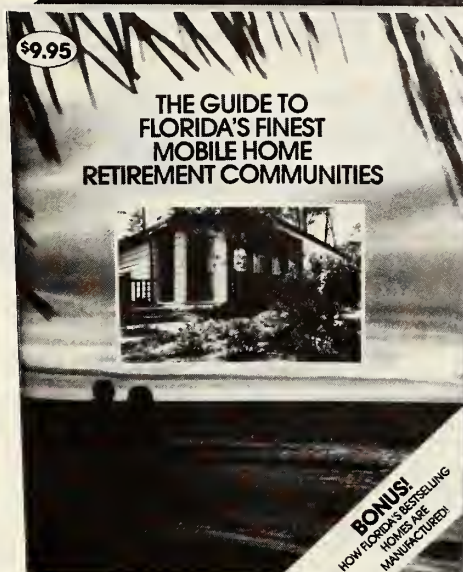
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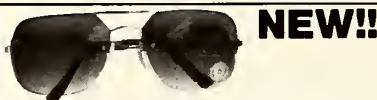
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DISASTER

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broadened to encompass a variety of peacetime disaster scenarios.

Elements of IEMS have been employed successfully in a number of localized disasters since 1982. In fact, the irony may be that FEMA—the agency formed to coordinate national emergencies—is at its best only when handling isolated problems. Large-scale federal emergency response exercises have been plagued by mishaps. A massive 1983 maneuver known as REX-82 Bravo was flawed

“WE ARE ALL BEGINNING TO REALIZE THAT WE NEED EACH OTHER.”

by 177 major deficiencies, according to FEMA's own report.

There also is concern about the integrity of the nation's C3 system, the communications network which, during national jeopardy, would support the activities of FEMA and allied agencies. If the system melts down under attack, or if it fails to function properly amid the jarring electromagnetic pulse generated by thermonuclear explosions, FEMA's 10 regional headquarters will be cut off from Washington and from their field offices.

Given this, congressional committees have discussed whether some of the agency's current \$181 million civil defense budget would be better allocated at state and local levels, since it is those areas and their people that may wind up out on a limb, if and when the worst happens.

All is not hopeless. The consensus holds that the answer to emergency preparedness lies in more intelligent planning and coordination of response.

Budgetary help must come from the private sector. Especially in cases of man-made hazards, the source of the threat should be the source of the funding. In Oswego, almost half of the emergency budget is provided by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation,

the utility that runs the area's nuclear plants.

Vital records should be duplicated frequently and back-ups saved in areas considered beyond danger. Buildings must be designed to withstand strong tremors, in accordance with seismic studies conducted by FEMA. Evacuation plans must be filed with the Red Cross, as is happening now in San Francisco. Hospitals and other important structures must be placed in locales that are safe, rather than scenic.

Once all the procedural bugs are worked out, the last remaining obstacle may be public apathy. A 1983 study by University of Minnesota researchers revealed that, depending on the nature of the threat, public response to emergency warnings lolled at between 12 percent and 35 percent. The Minnesota study foreshadowed events in and around Harrisburg, Pa., where AT&T technicians inadvertently triggered civil defense sirens in January of last year. Local citizens later interviewed by *Time* said they hadn't been aware of the sirens; those who were aware said they "thought it was a fire alarm."

To mitigate this problem, attention is focusing on cable television as a means of spreading the word during

emergencies. The cable set-up would allow emergency crews to "capture" outgoing broadcasts and issue the same information on all channels simultaneously, something that is not presently feasible with standard, over-air transmissions.

In the final analysis, there is no magic formula for disaster preparedness. Some have said we need to de-emphasize complex planning and high-tech paraphernalia and concentrate instead on simple cooperation: cooperation between levels of government, cooperation between government and industry—and especially, cooperation of the sort exemplified in the Fort Wayne, Ind., floods of 1982.

In Fort Wayne, neighbors rescued neighbors in rowboats or makeshift rafts. Churches dispensed food, no-questions-asked. The private sector pitched in, with one company donating 12,000 loaves of bread, and another giving \$10,000 worth of rubber boots and gloves.

As normalcy returned to Fort Wayne, the local paper printed a quote from a high school student that had prophetic implications for the emergency management movement as a whole.

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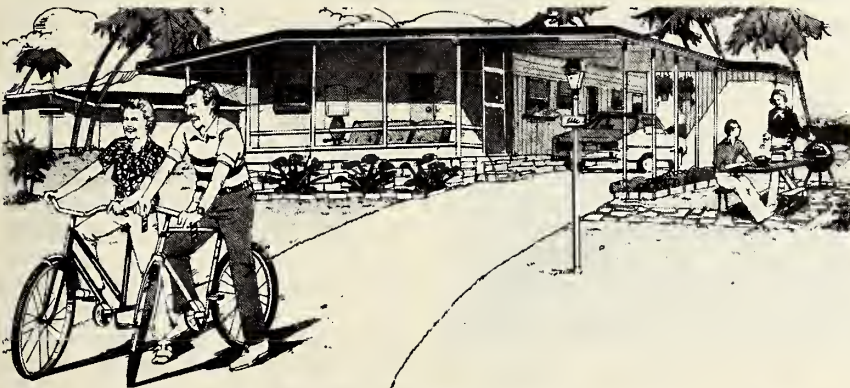
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AN LOC

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1,000 badly wounded awaited evacuation. An Loc's artillery battery was down to one gun, its sights gone. The last usable vehicle—a badly shot-up jeep—was running on its rims and borrowed time.

Shallow graves, hurriedly dug and seldom marked, lined the streets and pathways and dotted the schoolyard and rubble-strewn town park. Scores of bodies had to be reburied after exploding shells destroyed their graves. Near the helicopter landing zone, a choice enemy target, an instant cemetery sprung up where wounded soldiers had died, or were killed by shellfire before they could be airlifted out. The town's hospital compound, overflowing with dead and injured, was shelled repeatedly.

Under the ceaseless bombardment, death owned the streets. One adviser put the odds for surviving five minutes in the open at 50-50.

With the supply situation disintegrating, a U.S. Air Force team devised a system of high-velocity air drops. Copying NASA's space-return techniques, the Air Force rigged 16-foot-diameter drogue chutes, time-fused to open at only a few hundred feet above the ground and to drop heavily reinforced supply bundles directly on the recovery area at 40 mph.

Tragically, several ARVNs were struck and killed by the hurtling bundles. Boxes of live ammunition often exploded on hitting the ground, and sacks of rice occasionally broke open during descent, the white kernels falling like hail. Yet, the high-velocity air drops helped save An Loc.

As the enemy's shelling rose to more than 4,000 rounds a day, the ARVNs discipline and morale began to crack.

Bad as it was for the soldiers, the civilians had it worse. Early in May, the enemy began firing shells with delayed fuses that detonated deep in the ground. In one night alone, more than 500 civilians in underground shelters were killed or wounded.

Col. Walter F. Ulmer Jr., who replaced Miller as senior U.S. adviser early in May, inspected many of the civilian shelters. "Never had I imagined such misery," he said.

A major role of the Americans was to inspire confidence. It wasn't easy. "The soldiers and civilians were watching us for the slightest sign of de-

spair," said Ulmer. "So we had to keep up a good front, even when it was too painful for us just to think of home. Once or twice, however, I thought about burning photos of my family when it seemed we would be overrun. I just didn't want someone finding those pictures on my body."

On May 9 and 10, An Loc's perimeter was hit by new enemy probes. A deserter tipped the defenders that the NVA planned a final, all-out attack to "eliminate forever this imperialist thorn in our side." When the word reached Gen. James F. Hollingsworth, the senior regional adviser, in his command helicopter over An Loc, he radioed a request to Gen. Creighton Abrams, commander of U.S. forces in South Vietnam, for a major B-52 strike. Abrams agreed.

But the enemy hit first. At midnight on May 10, enemy artillery began blasting An Loc with the heaviest

"ALL I COULD DO WAS RECITE THE LORD'S PRAYER."

bombardment of all—8,300 rounds in 10 hours, or nearly one round every four seconds.

"It was like an earthquake," remembered Ingram. "The bunker trembled and moved in the ground. All I could do was to recite the Lord's Prayer and the 23rd Psalm to myself."

As the enemy had prophesied, An Loc had been obliterated; yet its people, though bloodied, hung on. Then, the communists closed in for the kill.

At 0530 hours, the enemy barrage lifted and the tanks rolled in, 40 to 50 of them from all sides. The ARVNs were dug in and ready; tank-killer teams opened up at point-blank range. Near the command bunker, An Loc's lone howitzer, though badly damaged, took on a communist T-54 in a head-to-head duel. The ARVN artillery officer was killed, but the crew kept firing until the tank was stopped dead only yards from the command bunker.

In mid-morning, allied fighter-bombers and gunships, guided by relays of FAC pilots, darted through heavy flak to rocket and strafe the enemy. In all, 297 tactical missions were flown in that one day.

The airmen had their share of

heroes. When an A-37 fighter-bomber got hit and crashed near An Loc, Capt. Barry A. Allmond, a FAC pilot, directed rescue helicopters to the scene while drawing enemy fire away from the choppers. When no sign of life could be detected in the wreckage, Allmond, low on fuel, headed toward his base near Saigon. But an urgent call of "TIC"—troops in contact—brought Allmond back. He had directed one round of tactical fire on the enemy and was about to call in a second when his Cessna was hit and crashed, burning, into a rubber grove. He was one of 13 American pilots to die in the defense of An Loc.

Finally, as the NVA mounted its climactic "human wave" onslaught, the B-52s struck. For 24 consecutive hours, the giant, eight-engine bombers roared high over An Loc, one flight of three planes every 55 minutes, pulverizing communist armored columns as close as 800 meters from the defense perimeter. The defenders prayed that the bombs would hit where they were supposed to, and cheered when they did.

When the B-52 strike was over, a North Vietnamese regimental officer and a dozen NVA soldiers staggered dazedly from the smoking ruins and surrendered. The back of the enemy attack on An Loc had been broken.

The cost had been staggering. Allied intelligence estimated the enemy dead at 10,000 and its wounded at twice as many. Some regiments of the NVA's once-powerful 5th Division retreated toward Cambodia with fewer than 100 men each.

An Loc's defenders counted nearly 5,000 dead or wounded. The ARVN 7th regiment was decimated; only 333 of its 1,200 men survived. The civilian toll would never be known for sure. There was no one to do the counting. Certainly, many hundreds had perished. Miraculously, there were no casualties among the U.S. advisers inside An Loc. In the action outside An Loc and in the air, however, 23 Americans had been killed or were missing, including 10 U.S. advisers.

Was An Loc worth the price?

There are no easy answers. Yet, by halting the enemy's 1972 offensive against Saigon, An Loc's defenders had brought South Vietnam another three years of freedom. They also had helped force Hanoi to the negotiating table so the last of America's servicemen could safely be withdrawn, and 590 prisoners of war set free.

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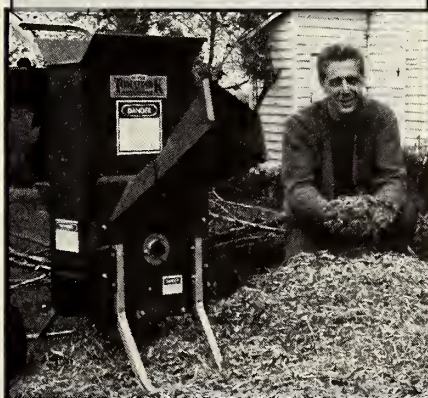
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Goldstein should know; he's the director of the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke, which leads our government's battle against stroke. If he just wanted to look on the bright side, he could describe our victories against stroke as one of the great medical achievements.

In just the past 10 years, the death rate from stroke has dropped by an astounding 45 percent, a record that's hard to match. There are even greater achievements on the near horizon, including surgical operations and drug treatments that promise to let doctors step in and minimize the damage even after a stroke has occurred.

But with all this progress, the dark side of stroke is that it remains one of our great enemies—the third leading killer in the United States, claiming 165,000 lives and crippling another 250,000 Americans annually. It's those numbers that show how far we still have to go, Goldstein said.

"Although there have been all sorts of dramatic improvements in diagnosis and treatment," said Dr. Philip A. Wolf, a professor of neurology at the Boston University School of Medicine, "no therapy is as good as prevention." Wolf said one way to prevent stroke is through a method that has played a major role in reducing the death rate—control of high blood pressure.

A program to identify and treat people with high blood pressure is the major reason why fewer Americans

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By Edward Edelson

are dying of stroke, Wolf said.

That success can be explained by a common-sense analogy. High blood pressure—hypertension is the formal medical term—does the same thing to your blood vessels as high water pressure does to a garden hose: It increases the risk that the hose will rupture. Bring down the pressure and you reduce that risk.

ONE key finding is that even moderately increased pressure raises the risk of stroke.

"What used to be called moderate hypertension, 165 over 90, is associated with a twofold increase in the incidence of stroke," Wolf said. "Recent studies show that even elevations above 140 over 90 are associated with a substantially increased risk."

Because the risk of stroke goes up with age, the message to anyone who's middle-aged or older is loud and clear: If you don't know what your blood pressure is, find out. If it's too high, do something to bring it down—lose weight, curb your salt intake, take the drugs that the doctor prescribes. That can be your personal front in the war on stroke.

But hypertension isn't the whole story. Doctors also are concerned about what they call "transient ischemic attacks" (TIAs), stoppages of blood flow that can last for hours but more likely last for only 10 to 15 seconds. The symptoms of a TIA are such things as a momentary loss of vision in

one eye or an unusual tingling in the fingers of one hand. Anyone who has experienced such symptoms should see a doctor, because TIAs are a prime indicator of increased stroke risk.

Not long ago, there wasn't much that doctors could do about TIAs. Now they can move in with some modern medical technology to pinpoint the cause of the problem and correct it. Diagnosis is at least half the battle, Goldstein said, because there are many causes of TIA, each requiring its own kind of treatment.

A TIA may be caused by a buildup of fatty deposits in the carotid artery, which runs up the side of the neck to the brain. Surgery can clean out those deposits. Or it may be caused by a myocardial infarction involving the inner surface of the heart. Or it may be the result of irregular heart action. Anticoagulants—drugs that reduce blood clotting—can help in that case. Black Americans may suffer TIAs because of sickle-cell anemia, which calls for still another kind of treatment.

One simple method to reduce the risk of stroke is to take aspirin, two tablets twice a day. Studies in a high-risk group—men who already had strokes—show that the four-aspirin-a-day regimen reduces the risk of second strokes. Wolf said that he recommended the aspirin therapy for any patient who suffers TIAs. Many doctors take a couple of aspirin tablets a day just to be on the safe side.

Neurologists can distinguish between these causes because they have

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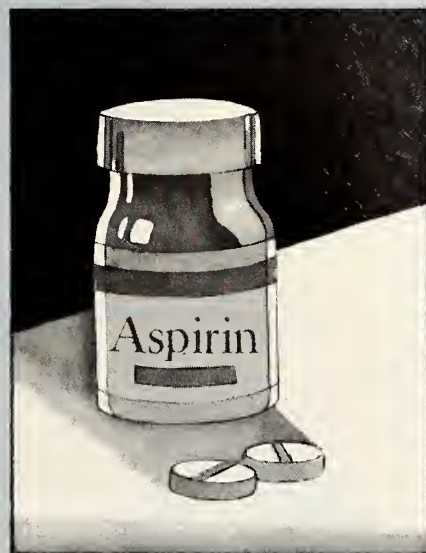


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new machines to work with, Goldstein said. To look at the carotid artery, they'll use ultrasound. To look at blood vessels in the brain, they'll use computerized X-ray scans that give a picture of a cross-section of the brain.

THERE are still other risk factors that help single out potential stroke victims for preventive measures. Many of those risk factors, such as a particular kind of abnormal heartbeat, have been identified in the Framingham Study, which has followed the medical fortunes of more than 5,000 residents of a Massachusetts town for several decades.

"We can identify the one-tenth of the population where almost half of the strokes would occur with the help of those risk factors," said Wolf, who works in the Framingham study.

Many strokes, however, are not preventable. But there is real excitement in the field about some treatments, already being used experimentally, that promise to limit the damage done by a stroke even after it has happened.

"A stroke affects two groups of cells," Goldstein explained. "One is in danger of dying right now. The other is a much larger group of cells around them that are in danger but may recover. There's a great deal of research going on to protect those cells during a stroke so that they can recover."

Basic research has shown neurologists that they may have a surpris-

ingly long time to help those cells—perhaps as much as 36 hours. The old belief was that brain cells died as soon as a stroke cut off the blood flow that gives them oxygen and nutrients. The new belief is that the cells die a lingering death and can be brought back to life by getting the oxygen and nutrients to them one way or another.

One method that sounds incredible, but has become widely accepted, is to restore the blood flow by doing bypass surgery—the same kind of surgery that is used to restore blood flow to the heart in cases of coronary disease,

"The message to anyone who's middle-aged or older is loud and clear. If you don't know what your blood pressure is, find out."

but on a much smaller, more delicate scale. The surgeon simply loops a blood vessel around the damaged area to restore the blood supply.

Brain surgeons have been doing that kind of operation in the first hours after a stroke for the past seven years. The early results were good enough for the federal government to sponsor

a nationwide study that reached 1,400 patients, who have been followed for an average of five years. The results of that study are due to be announced this summer. If they are good enough, brain bypass surgery may soon become a commonplace event.

Drugs are being tried also, often with the financial support of pharmaceutical companies. One such drug is Trental, which improves blood flow by literally making red blood cells more slippery, so they can get past blockages that otherwise would stop them.

"We're running a trial with 10 centers in the United States, two in Canada and one in Australia," said Dr. J. Philip Savitsky, director of clinical research at Hoechst-Roussel Pharmaceuticals, which makes the drug.

"Patients have to be started on the therapy within 12 hours of the onset of symptoms. We're also doing a parallel trial in Europe, with treatment starting from 12 to 36 hours after the onset of symptoms."

The studies began about two years ago, and the results should be in by the end of this year, Savitsky said. Meanwhile, Goldstein's center is sponsoring a trial of another drug, naloxone; doctors at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia are experimenting with injections of a fluid rich in oxygen and nutrients; doctors in Sweden are using a blood substitute called dextran . . . in all, there are about half a dozen different therapies being tried.

"Things are looking very upbeat," said Wolf. □



"I'm not keeping you from anything, am I?"

Crowded Schedule

Man to psychiatrist: "I've got so many worries now that if anything happens to me today, it will be two weeks before I can worry about it!"

—Gloria B. Casey

Back to Basics

A mother had been lecturing her small son, stressing that both of them were in this world to help others. He considered this for some time, then asked somberly: "What are all the others here for?"

—Paul Short

Boxing the Sting

In summer, the trouble with a screened porch is that the mosquitoes can't get out.

—Addie Warner

Ignorance is Bliss

A good education enables a person to worry about things in all parts of the world.

—Gladys W. Jacquette

Definitions:

TV Spectacular: The bill you get from the repairman.

—John B. Klein

A bore: A person who has flat feats.

—James Roman

Guaranteed!

To the young man at the perfume counter, the clerk purred: "Now here's one called *Perhaps*. It's \$35 an ounce."

"Thirty-five dollars!" exclaimed the young man. "For \$35 I don't want *Perhaps*! I want *Sure*."

—Morris B. White

Strategic Policy

When the storekeeper told young Jackie to take a handful of candy, the boy politely declined. The insistent storekeeper put a handful in a bag and handed it over. Later, Jackie's mother wanted to know why he hadn't helped himself.

"Because his hand is bigger than mine," said Jackie.

—William G. Stonebottom

Same Day, Too!

A personnel director read a woman's employment application and said:

"I see your birthday is April 12th. What year?"

"Every year," she replied.

—Leatha E. Beck

Gotcha!

Boss to employee: "I've decided to get rid of all yes-men. What do you think of that, Smith?"

—Oliver E. Frazier

Last Laughs

Childhood is the time of life when you make funny faces in the mirror.

Middle age is the time of life when the mirror gets even.

—Oscar Thornbuckle

Parting of the Blades

The line between two properties is never more clearly defined than when your neighbor mows his lawn.

—Clyde B. Aster

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After paying his traffic violation fine and receiving his receipt, the irritated motorist snapped, "What do I do with this?"

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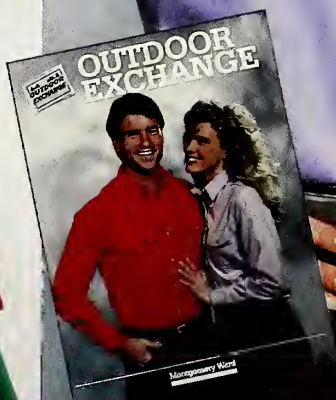
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